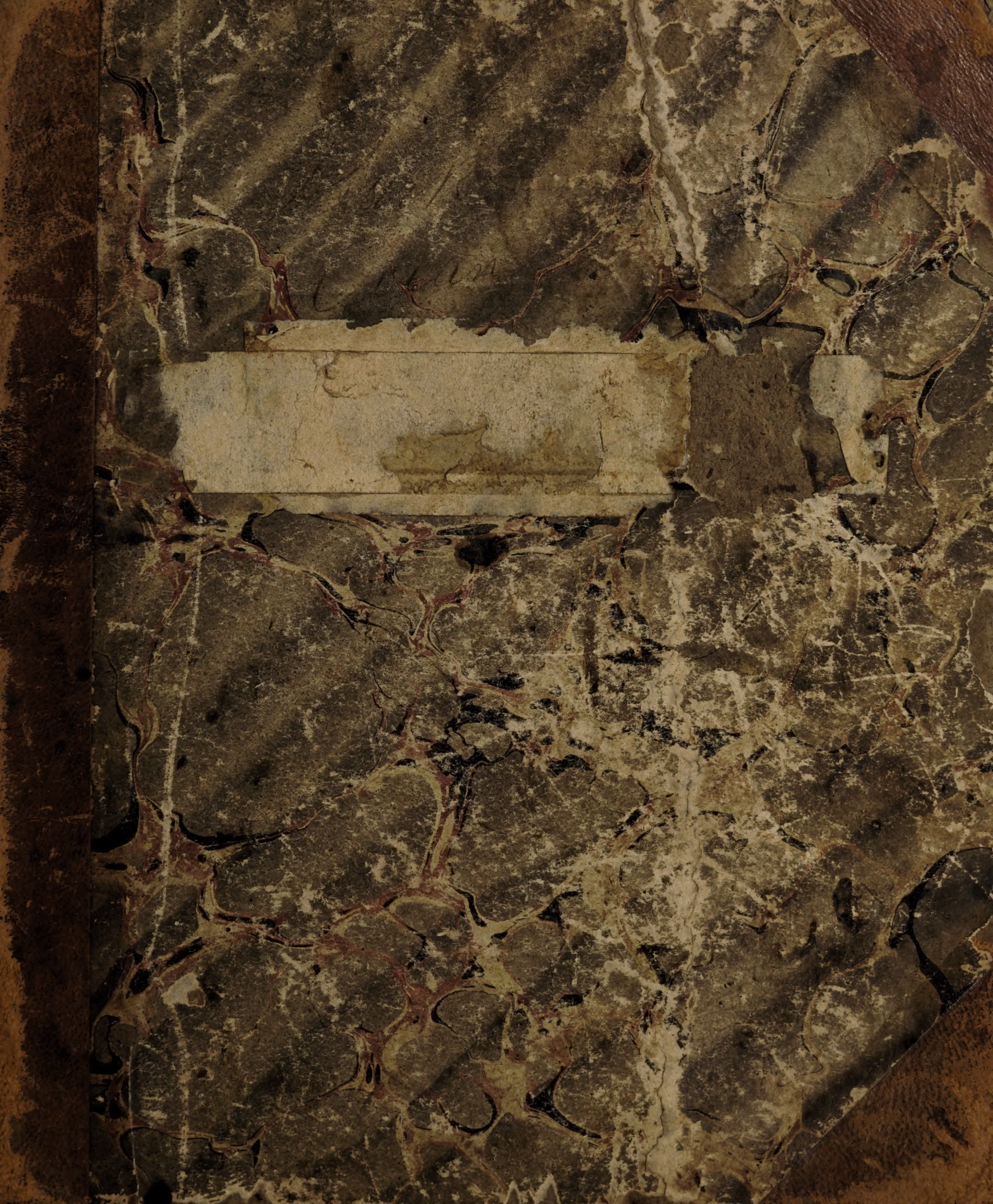

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Bark Ocean Steed
of Chatham — New Brunswick

Monday morning April 27th 1868
Lying at Anchor off Clarks Point
New Bedford — Mass. U.S.A.
at 9 A.M. Pilot went on Board and
hove short, — being calm, — most of the
crew being on board at 10½ light
airs from the W. at 11 Capt. Mate
2 & 3rd mates all came on board —
made sail and stood out to the S
at 6 P.M. stood out passed Cuttyhunk
Pilot having left us at 3 P.M.
wind S. stood out to the W. with
light airs from the S.S.W. at
7 wind hauled suddenly to the
N.E. blowing quite fresh kept
Ship to the S.E. per compass

Tuesday April 28th Steady
breezes from the N.E. steering S.
all day — saw several sail steering
to the W — All hands employed
in fitting Boats coiling lines &c
1st mate sick confined to his
room — at night wind still
N.E. and blowing steady

Wednesday April 29th Moderate winds from the E. and thick weather — Ship steering to the S. all the P.M. light airs with rain wind hauling gradually to the S at 4 P.M. wore ship heading E. Nothing in sight all day

Thursday April 30th Comes in with moderate breezes from S.W. and plenty of rain Ship steering E. per compass at 6 kept ship N.E. at 10 kept her E again all this P.M. quite moderate Watch fitting boats &c

Lat at Merd 38.16
Long by Lekro, 70.00

Fryday May 1st Comes in with a gale from W.S.W. and plenty of rain Ship working to the E with all prudent sail out 2 sail in sight — are in the Gulf Stream have been for the last 24 hours — Strong breezes from S.W.

Lat at Merd 38.34
Long by Lekro, 67.16

Saturday May 2nd First part strong gales from N.W. — Mid. part quite mild and pleasant — Last part strong winds from S.E. and hazy weather Lat. 38.51 Long 65.21

Sunday May 3rd. Strong breezes and squally weather from S and S.W. One sail in sight this A.M. steering to the E. also One or Two finbacks — Saw considerable Gulf Weed this P.M. — Several birds through the day — In the P.M. considerable sail at Noon distributed the bibles tracts and testaments put on board for that purpose by the New Bedford Port. Society — at sun-down strong gales from S.W. — Ship under close reefed topsails —

Lat. at Meridian 39°.26
Long by Chro 68.15

Monday May 4th. Strong gales from the S.W. and clear weather. Ship working to the N.E. under easy sail — nothing in sight which enabled us fitting craft and doing other work about Ship

Lat at Merid 39°.19
Long by Chro 63.15

Tuesday May 5th. Moderate with light airs from S and calm, at 8 raised a shoal of Sperm Whales at 9 lowered all three boats Stark boat struck and killed one and took him to the ship by the other two boats following the shoal at 1 Waist boat struck at 8 got him to Ship. Lat. 39 25 Long 62 30

Wednesday May 6th 1868

Comes in with strong breezes and cloudy weather at 4 A.M, called all hands and commenced cutting at 10 got one whale in blowing strong and shifting so much down that we dared not hook on to the other before clearing away head all hands busy - got head cleared away and set the watch raining hard all day NB Obs.

Thursday May 7th Comes in with more moderate weather - Started the works at 5 A.M, called all hands hooked on and cut the whale Mining Machine broke down - Cleared of head - the weather very threatening much rain and sudden squalls - Nothing in sight all this day NB Obs.

Frydays May 8th a gale of wind from S and S E with heavy showers of rain - hard boiling but managed to keep the fires along - at 7 wind hauled to the W blowing heavy with much rain at 9 A.M, saw a school of Sperm Whales going slow to the S W at 1 P M called the Works

Lat at Mered, 40 24 Long 63 55 W

Two sail in sight this P. M.

A School of Sperm Whales

Saturday May 9th

First part a gale of wind and rain from W with thunder and lightening Ship lying to under mizstaysail at 2 started the works again the weather being more moderate — In the P.M. quite clear — watch employed in bailing and doing other work aboard Ship Saw one sail steering to the E.

Lat at Meri 39.45
Long by Chro 63.05

Sunday May 10th

Moderate breezes from S.E. and calm watch employed in bailing at 12 M. got through turning up on deck 65 Bbls in the P.M. took a breeze from the N.W. all day fine clear weather at Sundown shortened sail for the night — Saw two sail Today

Lat. 39.26
Long 63.03

Monday May 11th

Comes in with light airs from the N and clear weather Ship by the wind heading N.E. — employed in stowing oil between decks Stowed 60 Bbls. calm nearly all day — Saw a steamer steering to the E. Lat 39 28 Long 63.16

Saw Sperm Whales
Struck One to Larboard

Tuesday May 12th Moderate breezes from S.E. and clear weather Ship by the wind heading E.N.E. with all prudent sail out Saw several sail steering to the E.

Lat at Merd. 39.39 N
Long by Chro. 63.19 W

Wednesday May 13th Comes in with fresh Breezes from S.E. and fine weather Ship by the wind heading E.N.E. with all prudent sail out at 3 P.M. saw a shoal of Sperm Whales going to the S.W. lowered and chased with all three boats. — ~~thirst~~ larboard boat struck one killed and got him to ship by sunset. wind strong from S.E. raised the whales from the deck by Capt.

Lat 40.15 Long 61.30

Thursday May 14th Comes in with a moderate gale from S and cloudy weather — Cut in the whale and started the works — Ship on the western tack all day — nothing in sight

~~No Obs This day~~
Lat. at merd 40 48
Long by Chro 62 50

Fryday May 15th Commes in with strong breezes from the S and rainy weather — Ship by the wind heading E. S. E. under easy sail — watch employed in boiling — at 4 P.M. got through turned up 220 Bbls — made sail & ship heading up S. E.

Lat at Merd 41° 27'
Long by Chro 62° 27'

Saturday May 16th First part very rainy wind S.S.W. Ship by the wind heading S. E. — Stowed the Oil between decks — Nothing in sight all day — light drizzling rain — never seeing — Nothing in sight

No. Obs.

Monday May 17th First part strong gales from S.S.W. and snowy weather. Ship by the wind to the W. under easy sail — in the A.M. saw one sail steering to the E. at 2 P.M. wore ship heading to the S. E.

Lat at Merd 41.12
Long by Chro 63° 23'

Monday May 18th

Strong gales from the S and squally weather. Ship by the wind to the E & S E, at noon saw ship to the W, nothing in sight all day — Steering to the S with light

Lat at noon 40°.39
Long by Lehro 58.23

Tuesday May 19th

Strong gales from the south and squally weather — Ship steering to the W under our sail — Same heavy showers of rain — at 4 P.M. saw whales — called them Spermes, they were going W & N W — nothing more in sight all day

Lat. at noon 40 05
Long by Lehro, 58 28

Wednesday May 20th

Strong gales from the S and S W with showers of rain. Ship by the wind heading S S E. — Two sails in sight today steering to the E.

Lat at noon 40°.16
Long by Lehro, 59.23

Strong currents to the S W.

Thursday May 21st

Commences in with a gale of wind from S and squally weather Ship by the wind heading to the W. — Under easy sail being too rough for Whaling — Stow two sail steering one to the E the other standing to the W.

this being the ~~ninth~~ ninth day the wind has blown from the S. and too rough for whaling any part of the time — Nothing more in sight

Lat. at Merd 39 55
Long by Chro 58.49

Friday May 22nd Strong gales and squally weather with much hail — Ship by the wind to the W.S.W. at 9 A.M. wind commenced veering to the W. at 10 light from W.N.W. with rain — at 1 ceased light from W.N.W. with drizzling rain — One sail and several Pilots seen today

Geo. Coles.

Saturday May 23rd 1868

Commences with light airs from the N and N.E. and cloudy weather — nothing in sight all day employed in setting up rigging and doing other work about Ship

Sat. past Palm. at 4 P.M. a light breeze from S.E. with rain

Lat 40°.06 N
Long 58.52 W

Sunday May 24th

Commences with strong breezes from the S and smoky weather Ship standing to the W with all prudent sail set. Nothing in sight all day

Lat at Merd 40°.48 N
Long by Chro. 61.11 W
P.M.

Mondays May 25th

Commences with light breeze from the S. and showery. Ship standing to the wind to the W under the prudent sail — weather smoky and very poor seeing. Saw one sail standing to the E. — saw Black fish lowered West Boat at dusk and took one. — Nothing more in sight all day

Lat. at Merd 40°.50
Long by Chro. 62.07

Took the Blackfish
to West Boat

Tuesday May 26th

comes in with light baffling airs from the E and N.E. Ship steering to the S.S.W. with all prudent sail out. Saw a Steamer steering to the S. and One sail making to the N. at 12 M. hailed a school of Sperm Whales. — Gallied them with Ship — lowered and chased with all three boats. — got one to each — got all three along side by 3 P.M. hooked on and cut them all in by 7 P.M. — weather moderate and overcast.

Struck and killed another whale Lat at Mend 4°0.0' cut line with second Bran. Long by Chro. 62°07'

Wednesday May 27th

comes in with light baffling airs from the S.E and S.E. and Calm. Ship working to the N and W with all prudent sail out — employed in boiling — nothing in sight Lat. part working to the E.

Lat at Mend 39°26'
Long by Chro. 61°59'

Sperm Whales
North One To each boat

Thursday May 28th

Commences with light baffling airs from all parts of the compass, and calms! Ship working to the S.P. with all present sail, wet P at PM, finished boiling there 35 Bbls turned off on deck, — in the P.M. saw porpoises — several pieces squid — good seeing all day

Lat at Mered 39 17
Long by Lelaro 60.34

Friday May 29th

Light baffling airs from the S.E. and cloudy weather Ship crossing to the S.P. good seeing — nothing in sight at M. Great Breeze from S.S.E. and light showers of rain — Two sail in sight steering to the N.P. used Bone steering to the E.

Lat at Mered 39.52
Long by Lelaro 61.18

Saturday May 30th Light airs from S.E. and fine weather Ship course line to the E. at 10 strike Ship Rhein of Newyork 7 days bound to London sent by her letters, Nothing more in sight all day Lat. at Mered 39.22 N
Long by Lelaro 60.50 W

Note Ship's Name

Sunday May 31st 1868

Begins with moderate breezes from S SW and cloudy weather. Ship steering S E, her courses, with all prudent sail out. Show two sail steering to the E and one to the S W, nothing more in sight. Quite good seeing all day

Lat at Mern 40.30
Long by Lohrs 8.40

Monday June 1st

Comes in with strong breezes from S W and cloudy weather. Ship in the wind heading S E with all prudent sail out. Mid hard steering E by N. One sail in sight. Lat not taken

Lat at Merd 39.50
Long by Lohrs 57.10

Tuesday June 2d

Comes in with light airs from S W and cloudy weather. Steering E by N per compass. One sail in sight steering to the E, mist and light hard wind S W. Good seeing all day. Nothing in sight

Lat at Merd 39.50
Long by Lohrs 55.37

Saw Whales twice today
Note One to Starbd. Front.

Wednesday June 3rd 1868

Comes in with light airs from W and clear weather. Ship steering E by N under easy sail — at 5 P.M. raised Sperm Whales, going quick to windward. Lowered two boats and chased Larb. boats struck and killed a small one. Got him to ship and cut him in — kept ship N.E. at 2 raised another school — lowered two boats and chased — Squally weather coming on called the boats in board again — Whales were small and going slow to the E.

Lat. at Meridian 40.93
Long by Lobs. 54.57

Thursday June 4th

Strong winds from the N and W cross squally weather. Ship by the wind heading to the N.E. — saw one sail steering to the W — nothing more in sight all day. Rather poor seeing

Lat. at Merid 40°.24 N
Long by Lobs. 54.55 W.

Friday June 5th 1868
Commences in with strong breezes from the S.E. and clear weather. Ship by the wind steering to the S.W. with all sails out — nothing in sight — good seeing all day — in P.M. standing to the S.E. at 6 tacked ship again standing to the S.E.

Lat 40.52 N
Long 56.13 W.

Saturday June 6th
Commences in with moderate breezes from S.E. and fine weather — Ship by the wind to the E.S.E. with all sail out — nothing in sight all day — good seeing in P.M. strong breezes from S — One sail in sight steering to the W.

Lat 41.32 N
Long 55.46 W.

Sunday June 7th
all these 24 hours fresh breezes from S and cloudy weather Ship by the wind heading to the E and E by S. saw one steamer steering to the E saw porpoises

Lat at Merd 41.50
Long by chro 52.44

Saw Sperm Whales
Struck one to W. and one to Starb'd boats

Monday June 8th 1868

First part light airs from the S and good weather. Ship Steering E. S. E. per compass, One sail in sight at 4½ A.M, raised a school of Sperm Whales going quick E. by S per compass at 7 lowered and chased with two boats W. Boat struck one — killed and took him to the Ship by 10. Other two boats following the school — going quick to the E. — Starb boat strike and drawn from a large one, — afterward struck another — killed him and took him to Ship by 4 P.M, 70 Bbls. — Waist Boat's Whale 40 Bbls — hooked on to the Whale and cut his head off and got the body in

Lat at Merid by Lat, 42°.00
Long at do by do 50.10

Tuesday June 9th

Good weather with light airs from the S at 4 A.M, hooked on to the small whale got him and got breakfast then hooked on to the head of the other whale and took it in Got all in by 9 A.M, — Started the washers and cleared away the heads, — several sails in sight —

Lat at Merid 42°.18
Long by chro 49.51

Wednesday June 10th 1868
Commences with light airs from the S and foggy weather — Shift — by the wind under easy sail — boiling at 8 fog clears up — saw several icebergs passed very close to one — saw porpoises at 7 strong breezes from the S.

Lat at Meridian 42.15
Long by chro. 49.17

Thursday June 11th 1868
First part moderate breezes from S. and thick hazy weather Shp steering S E — E with all prudent sail out — through the day saw several sail all steering to the E Fine — saw several Portuguese Man o War. Water blue and clear — also saw one fin back — finished boiling — turning up on deck 50 Bbls.

Lat. at Merid 42 15
Long by chro 46 34

Good for the first — finished boiling in season

Fryday June 12th 1868

Comes in with moderate breezes from N.W and cloudy weather with some rain Ship Steering S.E by S. with all sail out. — Saw two sail standing to the E. — quite good seeing today — Saw several finbacks — Stowed 18 Barrels of Oil in fore hold. Lat. at Merd 41.00
Long by Chro. 44.49

Saturday June 13th

First part moderate winds from S.W and cloudy weather Ship steering S.E per compass — Saw one sail today steering to the North — Nothing more in sight but finbacks and porpoises — quite good seeing all day. Lat at Merd 41.20
Long by Chro 41.10

Sunday June 14th

Comes in with moderate winds from S.W and cloudy weather Ship steering S.E per compass. — Saw several sail steering to the N.E. — Saw one finback water Blue and clear,

Lat at merd 40.32
Long by chro, 39.04

Monday June 15th 1868

Begins with moderate breezes from S.W. and cloudy weather — Ship steering S. E. by E. per compass — saw several spouts steering to the S.E. — One whaler steering S.E. by E. — water blue and clear, — No birds — no porpoises

Lat. at Meridian 39.57
Long by Chron. 36.10

Saw Sperm Whales with the Concordia
Struck one in Long

Tuesday June 16th 1868

Begins with moderate breezes from S.W. and good weather. Ship steering S.E. by E. with all sail out at 5 A.M. raised Sperm Whales going S.W. quite quick — lowered two boats and chased — Bark Concordia of Sag Harbor, also chasing Concordia's boats struck a large one — Mated and help kill him and took him alongside of the Concordia by three o'clock, and commenced cutting — cut until dark.

Lat. by Cal. 39°.30' N.
Long by do. 34.20 W.

Wednesday June 17th 1868

Comes in Drift, moderate breezes from S.W. and fine weather at 5 P.M. Two boats crew went on board the Con= to assist in cutting the whale — at 8 Got the Head off, Work the body then to the Creek Steer and cut it in while they cut the ~~hens~~ on board the Con, — at 2½ all through cut= ting and started the works. — Saw Several sail steering to the N.E.

Lat at Meri 39.. 17
Long by Chro, 34 .. 09

Thursday June 18th

Comes in with moderate breezes from S.W. and showery Ship by the wind heading to the E and W. under easy sail boiling BK Concordia in sight boiling also — at 9 P.M. Spoke and gammed with her until 6 P.M., both vessels steering E. & S.E. for Flores.

Lat at Merd 39.. 28
Long by Chro 33 53
By Small do " do 34 45
By Concordia 35 .. 00

Friday June 19th 1868

First part moderate breezes from S.W. with showers of rain — Ship steering to the E. S. E. under easy sail bailing — Concordia in company at 10 finished bailing — The body turning up on deck 60 Bbls all through the day clear weather and good seeing — One sail in sight steering to the E.

Lat at noon 39 38 N
Long by Chro 32.00 W

Saturday June 20th

Good weather with moderate breezes from the W. Flores in sight at 10 left the Ship for the shore at the Port of Ponta Delgada to obtain recruits — found plenty of Potatoes and Onions

Sunday June 21st

Light airs and calm — lying off and on at Flores obtaining recruits — took on board 100 Bushels of Potatoes and 6000 Onions — Sold a quantity of tobacco found our large Chronometer 4" 14 too slow and the small one "14 only

Mt Holyoke

Monday June 22nd 1868

Comes in with light airs from S.W. and calm. Ship off Flores bound for Fayal, having obtained 100 Bushels of potatoes 6000 Onions &c. Sold about 350 lbs of Tobacco @ 45c per pound all day water blue and clear with Yellow Frogs — Sungalls — porpoises above ship's back &c. Ever indication of Sperm Whales. At Sundown Flores bearing W.N.W. dist. 30 miles — nothing more in sight — One man by the name of Smith ran away yesterday at Flores

Tuesday June 23rd 1868

First part Light airs from W.N.W. and fine weather. Steering for Fayal at 9 A.M. sighted the island took in the larboard boat and put her overhead — put starboard boat in the larboard boats irons and took a boat from overhead for starboard boat, at Sundown Fayal 30 miles dist. bearing E.S.E. per compass — nothing more in sight all day. We have four men we took from Flores all Portuguese 3 more than when we went there

Wednesday June 24th 1868
all day light babbling airs from all parts and calm at 3½ P.M. hooked on the boats and went to towing — at 8 came to an anchor at Fayal harbor in 20 fathoms with our best larboard anchor — B.K. Concordia having came in some 3 hours before

Thursday June 25th
Slight airs and cloudy weather — employed on board in coopering bilge 3 men Brown Harry and Price deserted while the boat was on shore

Friday June 26
Light airs and fine weather all these 24 hours had our oil on board the Freedonia 284 Bbls all told. have heard nothing from the deserters.

Saturday June 27
light babbling airs and calm with fine warm weather took our anchor and stood out to the south in tow with B.K. Concordia — Calm

Sunday June 28th 1868
All these 24 hours light baffling airs and pleasant weather — Ship becalmed on the South side of the island — Mick and Lot, hard working through

Monday June 29th 1868
All these 24 hours light baffling airs from the S.E. — Ship working to the S.E. — have five Portuguese green hands on board 1 has shipped at Fayal and the other 4 stowed away on board at Faires, Found our large Chronometer 75 miles too fast & and the small one 15 miles,

Tuesday June 30th
All these 24 hours light baffling airs from the S and E. and calms Ship working to the S with all sail out cooper setting up casks — Saw one sail steering for Fayal — Saw the islands of Fayal & Pico, St. George and Graciosa — Saw porpoises albacore and shoals of small fish also toadstools, yellow strops and jungalls, there being good indications for Sperm Whales.

16 Obs,

Wednesday July 1st 1868

Light baffling airs from the S and E and calms. Ship by the wind heading off N and S with all sails and this morning sent aloft for light yard bent the sails and set it — Saw the island of Sesarienow bearing N of E per compass distant 20 miles est. Saw several sail all working to the E but one schooner that is working up — Saw a flock of yellow shoals seagulls and found it with water blue and clear.

Thursday July 2nd

Light baffling airs from the S and E and squally weather. Ship by the wind first on one tack then the other. Wind shifting from one quarter to another. Several sail in sight all working to the E. — But the night heavy squalls and rain.

Lat 40.18
Long 28.49

Thursday July 23rd 1868

Commences with a fresh breeze from the N.E. and smooth weather but some heavy ship to the west heading about E by S. Courses — we are heavy up for the N.E. bound. — Nothing in sight all day at night wind continues as little to the N. with a heavy swell. Barometer [illegible]

Saturday July 4th 1868

Commences with light baffling airs from the N.and E.N.E. and cloudy weather. Ship steering E.S.E. per compass, for the E.Indies bound, — Colombo. Sail in sight all round to the E. — In the P.M. wind hauling gradually to the N. — At sunsetting light and calm, — lightning in the E.N.E. — Saw through the day a great many yellow-tails, and a few stormy petrels. No birds nor fish. — good weather all day.

Lat at Noon 1° 08
Long by Lunar 26.28

Sunday July 5th 1868

Begins with light baffling airs from N and W.N.W. and clear weather. Ship runs along to the E.N.E. with all sail set. Fifteen sail in sight today all bound to the Westward with blue and clear weather following Tab low Bryde. Sungalls &c. No whales birds or porpoises in sight. at 6 A.M.

Lat at Noon 42.18 N
Long by Chro. 25.35 W

Monday July 6th 1868

Begins with light airs & calms, and thick weather. Lasts from 6 and 8 A.M. to 12 M. July 7th the wind heading N and E N.E. Several Ships in sight all running to the E. Water blue and clear. Now performs several times through the day. The winds are still light and mostly ahead. We making very slow progress for the whaling ground. The season will be far advanced before we get there. The best we can do, Today the Lat. 42.18

Long. 25.42

Tuesday July 7th 1868

All these 24 hours light baffling winds and calms what little wind there is being ahead. Now getting along this being the 5th day we have had these light baffling winds from ahead. This is much worse than what it calculated on finding. I naturally thought we should have fair winds from Papeete to our destination. but instead it has been ahead all the time. The season is now fast passing away, In a few days more and the season is up. Thus it is. Man proposes and God disposes. But somehow I am getting to be very impatient to get on the whaling ground. We get a West altitude of the sun but I am ashamed to get an observation to determine our longitude.

Lat. at Meri 4 P.M.

Wednesday July 8th

Begins with light baffling airs and calms from E.N.E. — and hazy weather and some heavy rain squalls. — Several sail in sight working to the N.E. some standing on one tack and some on the other. This is the 6th day we have had the light baffling winds from ahead, and the fear the season will be up before we can get in to the ground. Yesterday

Lat. at Meri 4 P.M. 18 Long 25.36

Thursday July 9th 1868

Commences with Light airs from the S and S.W and calms — Ship making but little progress to the N.E. Weather cloudy and showery with rain — Saw four sail all steering to the N.E. to S.W as far as we could see — but nothing more all day — Lat at noon 42.29 N
Long by Chro 23.52 W

Friday July 10th

Begins like the last two weeks with light baffling airs and calm, — Ship standing off the S.E with a light air from the N.E and showers of rain — Saw two or three sail steering to the N.E — Close forward for the last two weeks — Saw today two or three birds a shoal of porpoises some few bladders, tallow drops &c — some indications of Sperm Whale — Lat at Noon 41.23
Long by Chro 24.18

Saturday July 11th

Moderate breezes from E.S.E and overcast with light showers of rain — Ship standing to the E first part — Wind at last part to the N with light airs from E.S.E to S.S.E and calm at sunsetown calm — A sail in sight all working to the E — Saw one bladder to day — Lat 41.41 Long 24.00

Sunday July 12th 1868

Begins with a calm and light baffling airs from S.W. and clear weather. Shed a heavy swell from off S.E. — Saw porpoises and flying fishes — quite a quantity of very small toadstools — Shallow patches were water alternating from a deep blue to a dark muddy green — in the afternoon quite a steady breeze from S.W. — saw six sail all steering to the E.

Lat. at noon 44°.57'
Long by Lobs. 22°.36'

Monday July 13th

Begins with moderate breezes from S.W. and hazy weather with squalls of rain and fog. While steering off S.E. for Cape Cantin with all sail out for the Atlantic saw several sail all steering to the E. — saw a few birds, seagulls, landstorms &c. At sunrise the wind came out to the S.W. with squalls of rain — saw one steamer steering to the E.

at 12 P.M. lat. by a meridian alt. 44°.09'
Long by Lobs. at 2 22°.18'

Tuesday July 14th 1865

Begins with fresh breezes from S.W. and
so with this at Noon left Tenby
with all sail out at 10 P.M. tides
slack & light airs the wind
Saw Humphrey's
Sound — Saw fishboats and green water
Lat. by Charts 48.18
Long by do 2.24

Wednesday July 15th

Comes in with strong breezes from S.
and hazy weather — at Morning saw
cruisers & had was hailed by H.M. cruiser
Ariel — Water very green — Saw
fishboats and fishermen — Left Smooth
Woodstocks on Shore — very little
indications of wrecks — At 6 P.M. shifted
headsails to the other tacks to clear the
land — Two points and half variation to the
W.S.
Lat at Noon 49.21
Long by log 2.8.2.

Thursday July 16th 1868

Commences with light airs and calm weather — was down at 12 light airs down at 4 Observing at 8 for variations of compass in night today Rec. Robinson Jones received like the other boats of Monsieur — Other Officers distributed Ammunition for which we buried and cleared with two boats. Wheat burnt going on and decline and not destructive — Saw land birds and yellow tropic birds — Water still very green extent 15 to 20 for judging ourselves to be in lat 49.50 Long 29.25 found a little water that was quite blue, at 6 P.M. observing at 8 lat 50 long variations 24 degrees westerly variation lat at noon 49.56 long by log 29.30 P.M.

Friday July 17th

Decks with Red Pitch — been all off and overlaid with tar and hair — Left cruising on different tacks rather unwilling to miss the blue patch of blue water in the main in lat 49.30 Long 22.40 — Saw Tropic birds quite plenty in it — Saw several Gulls birds several Seal and one sea lion — found green water extending to lat 49.20 in long of 22.40 working to the E in sent of blue water latter the line running E.W. lat at noon 49.31 long 22.15

Saturday July 14th 1906

Seems with Lonesome bayou from N and one East with fog and rain. Saw two under called one the bay Thursday. All of the night shift to the N and E. Saw the fishbirds. Water green without anything in it. Saw but one bird. Lonesome. Looks dull and gloomy enough to the N. Steered south to the N to the usual course. Shift at 2 and left to the usual routine. Night bow 4 till daylight saw school of porpoises in the water between 11 and 12. Saw through a patch of blue water. No yellow drift. Set second row, sail in sight bearing E. Call it a whaler. Lat at noon 44 09 Long by log 81.55

Sunday July 15th

First part of cloudy weather with light rain. Saw the N. Blue sail in sight bearing to the E of N. We are crossing the N of the Stream. Spoke the Rich Adelaide from N. 125 Bbls. This season. One whale. Had seen whales but none before. Several ships here on the ground. Saw two whales just in. Ground with the tide. Lat at noon 42 49 Long by log

Sunday July 26th 1868

First part strong breezes from S.W. and thick foggy weather shift'd the wind heading W. off W. per compass saw two or three steering to the W. in the P.M. strong breeze

Lat 45 38 N
Long 31.46 W.

Monday July 27th

Comes in with a gale of wind and rain from the W. Shift'd the wind on starb tack heading to the S.S.W. under close reefed top-sails Nothing in sight all day most of the time weather thick and foggy

Ans. Obs.

Tuesday July 28th

Commences with strong breezes and thick foggy weather. Shift'd the wind heading S.W. by W. one sail in sight. Spoke her found to be a Swedish bark bound for Philadelphia. Just after this found a log Nothing more in sight through the day the Water blue and clear with a few toadstools, a very few birds

Lat at Mered. 44.44
Long by Chro. 30.14
Long by Obs. Bri 31.40

Wednesday July 29th 1868

All these 24 hours light baffling airs and calms. airs from all points of the compass — weather overcast and rainy with some fog. Ship was being towed most out all favorable speed. — Two sail in sight one ever being behind the other N.P. — little progress made this day — heavy swell setting in from the N.P. water blue and clear with only a few floats — stools — no dirbacks, jellyfishes or anything

Lat at Meridian 4.6. Cm
Long by Chron. 34.26
P. D.

Thursday July 30th

All first part light airs — strong winds — sudden changes — heavy rain squalls and every change and variety of weather conceivable. Ship was being towed to the west — sometimes under easy sail and sometimes under whole topsails and jibs — at about 11 A.M. wind settled down quite steady from the E with showers of rain until 3 P.M., when it began to veer to the N. the clouds began to break away and by 4 was quite clear and sunshine and wind N.E. by N. per compass. Ship going about S.W. with a good deal under close reefed topsails and jibs. — at sunset heavy clouds rising in the N. and S.W. — heading S.W. — Lat. 4.6.16 Long 35.46

Mines, very unsettled
Gone to Edwards & Hopkins

Friday Aug. 31st 1868

Commences with light baffling winds from various points and clouded weather with some rain mostly strong breezes from S.W. & W. & the wind steering on headings of S. W. with all forward sails set. — Two sails in sight

Lat at Noon 46.15 N
Long by Lobra 35.44 W

Saturday Sep. 1st

Begins with strong breezes from S.W. and overcast. Ship by the wind heading W.S.W. with all forward sails set. — Two sail in sight steering to the S. — Nothing more in sight all day. — Winds blew and blew, only a few scattering twistots

Lat. 43.42
Long 37.22

Sunday Sep. 2nd

Begins with light baffling airs from the S. W. and overcast. Ship by the wind to the W.S.W. with all sails out. — Saw today Wanderers and one or two Lin backs — at 4 P.M. Sleeping breezes blew after it — Ship steering W. by S. with all sail out. — No sail in sight today — Winds blew and blew

Lat 43 07
Long 38.42

Monday Aug. 3rd 1868

Commences with light baffling airs from the S.W. and overcast. Ship to the wind to the W.N.W. nothing in sight. At 10 A.M. wind changed to the S.W. – more ship heading to the S.W. water blue and clear. At 4 P.M. saw small white water, not [illegible] saw

Lat 43.05
Long 40.20

Tuesday Aug. 4th

Commences with moderate breezes from S.W. and hazy weather. – Ship by the wind heading S.S.W. by W. for an hour, – then wind in light all day. – water blue and clear.

Lat. 41.21
Long 40.49

Wednesday Aug. 5th

Begins with strong breezes from the S. and hazy weather with smoke and fog. – Ship by the wind to the E.S.E. and S. with all hands and sail out. – more ship, birds on account of terrible insects. – Saw one sail steering to the S.E. – nothing more in sight all day. – water blue and clear.

Lat at noon 42.07
Long. by dead reckoning 41.21

Thursday Aug. 6th 1868

Commences with moderate breezes from N.W. and overcast with showers of rain — Ship by the wind heading W. & W.S.W. with all fresh sail out at 4 P.M. P.M. — Saw three sail all steering to the E. nothing more in sight all day

Lat. 40.42 N
Long 42.18 W.

Friday Aug. 7th

Commences with moderate breezes from W. cloudy weather with showers of rain — Ship by the wind heading S.W. & S.W. with all sail out — Saw sail in sight both steering to the E. water blue and clear, also ~~sights~~ signs of whales

Lat 41 34
Long 43.16

Saturday Aug. 8th

Commences with strong breezes and squally weather Ship by the wind heading W.S.W. & W.N.W. with all sail out — winds freshening from the S.W. and W. some showers of rain — One sail in sight steering to the S.W. and E. — Saw a large school of cow fish going to the S.W. water blue and clear. Nothing in it but Gulf Weed, — Ship now have experienced a strong Easterly set

Lat 41.53
Long 43.18

Elm Blackfish

Sunday Aug 9th 1868

Commences in and premises be calm during the whole 24 hours, and clear pleasant weather and very warm. — One sail in sight — at 6 P.M. saw Blackfish lowered and chased with three boats without success.

Lat at Meri. 41.42
Long by Chro. 44.58

Monday Aug 10th

Commences in with light airs from W. and fine clear weather. Ship by the wind steering as per compass. at 10 A.M. wind at W. more ship heading W. by W. with all sail out one sail in sight steering to the E. — nothing more in sight all day.

Lat at Meri 42.12
Long by Chro 46.15

Tuesday Aug 11th

Commences in with moderate breezes from the W and fine clear weather. Ship by the wind steering to the E. & N. & NW with all sail out nothing in sight all day but flying fish & Sperm Whale spouters and Storm petrels plenty but Pillow droppers and but three or four birds &c

Lat at Meri 42 00
Long by Chro 46.05

Wednesday August 12th 1868

Comes in with fresh breezes from the S.W. and clear weather. Ship to the wind heading W. & N.W. with all sail, and saw three or four sail throughout the day — a great change observable in the temperature of air and water. Burns now steers to our port, with the Grand Banks of New Foundland, as we judge ourselves to be on or near the most extreme south eastern limit at 4 P.M. comes in foggy — have seen several schools of porpuises today at 6 P.M. wind hauling more to the S. but still thick fog

Lat 43 16
Long 48.00

Thursday Aug 13th

Comes in with fresh breezes from S and thick foggy weather. Ship to the wind heading W. — Compass — Saw Grampuses, porbeagles and sunfish Bottoms — Also one sail steering to the E. Experienced strong tide rips and a heavy ground swell from S.W. — weather at night looking very threatening but wind still from S.S.W. There being two points westerly variation bringing the wind about South true course — by late observations found we are on the edge of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland —

Lat. 43.02 Long 49.40

Friday Aug. 14th 1868

Commences with a fresh breeze from South East, had 27, 27, 27 per compass, Ship by the wind on different tacks — as the wind would baffle or hauled a point or two we would wear ship, wind dead ahead for our whaling ground saw plenty of Sperm Bottoms today — sometime there would be a dozen in sight at one time have had considerable rain through the day, No sails in sight and no Ships.

Saturday Aug. 15th

Commences with moderate winds from the S.E. and calms, — Ship steering S per compass with all sail out. — One sail — One Barbero and plenty of Grampuses in sight in the forenoon — Lowered and chased with all the boats all the forenoon in the afternoon nothing in sight.

Lat. at Noon 42°.18'
Long by Chro. 49°.9'

Saturday Aug. 22nd 1868

Begins with light breezes from S.W. and fine weather, smooth but occasionally a small swell. Ship by the wind heading S.E. under all sail. — Saw one sail today — Nothing came in sight all day. — Little Gulf weed no seaweed, no birds or anything else everything looking dry.

Lat at Noon 40.47
Long by chro. 50.24

Sunday Aug. 23rd

Begins with strong breezes from S.W. and fine weather. Ship by the wind heading S.E. E. with all practicable sail set. — Nothing in sight all day. — no sails no birds. Nothing indicate whales. dull enough and no matter of sundown strong breezes and cloudy looking like as storm.

Lat at Noon 40.27
Long by chro 49.00

Monday Aug. 24

Begins with strong breezes from the S.W. and squally weather with much rain. Ship steering by the wind S.E. with all practicable sail set. — saw one steamer steering to the E. — nothing more in sight all day. Nothing to indicate whales

Lat at Noon 40.09

Tuesday Aug. 25th 1868

Commences with fresh, & strong gale from S.W. with squalls and much Rain — Ship steering N. & W. per compass under all prudent sails — Saw several birds and one school of porpoises — Several portuguese man of war at 1/4 P.M. wind hauled to the N. and N.E. blowing only a moderate breeze

Lat by Chal. 41.45
Long by Chro 47.54

Wednesday Aug. 26th

Begins with moderate breezes from the E. and overcast with some fog. Ship steering N. & N.E. per compass with all sail but the topsail and mid. Nothing in sight all day not so bird or porpoise till now — day a holiday here and no whistle — at Sunrise shortened sail and kept ship off N. & N.W. per compass

Lat 41.40
Long 48.00

Thursday Aug 27th 1868

First part light baffling airs from the S.W. and calm weather and somewhat overcast — Ship steering W. & N.W. with all sail out — nothing in sight — at 10½ A.M. raised Sperm Whales — nearly calm and the Whales quite still — lowered two boats and at 11½ Starb. boat struck a large one — got a good blood from him and the Wait boat chased the loose whales. Starb. boat lowered at 12 and at 12½ Wait boat struck a loose whale. Starb. boat's whale cleared his stand and the lowered gave us much trouble finally killed both whales and got them to the ship at 5½ P.M. at 6 commenced to hook on to one of the whales with the view of cutting the head square off and getting the body in but coming on dark and raining very heavy so we could not keep the lees lights burning we gave up the attempt to cut at night had wait until morning all night blowing ~~hard~~ and raining heavy veering changing from S.W. to S.W. and to S.E. the whales were loose alongside all night lying the whole length of the fluke chains

Lat at Merid 42°.08'
Long by Chro. 48.16 at 10

Sun Sperm Whales
Sun Sperm Whales

Death of Mark Tilt the murderer and brother of Henry Tilt who was killed by a boat swain.

Friday Aug. 28th 1868

All day blowing a gale from N.E. and cloudy ~~and~~ weather being very rough for cutting but at 5 A.M. hooked on to the smallest whale - cut head nearly off and then let it remain hanging and rolled the body in at 7 one of the whales got foul of the rudder with his jaw and broke the patent steering apparatus to very badly rendering it unfit for use. got hand spikes large blocks of wood and other things and steadied the rudder and then went on cutting the whale again at 11 got the body all in and the weather being too rough to take the head - started the works and commenced boiling - all the P.M. strong breezes and a heavy swell from the North. - saw one sail steering to the E.

Lat 41.28
Long by Chr 47.16

Saturday Aug. 29th

Comes in with quite moderate breezes from N.E. and clear weather Ship lying to the whales at 5 A.M. hooked on to the largest whale - got the head off and body in in the A.M. - in the P.M. took the Head in the other Head still hanging to the carcass. - Started the works again - nothing in sight all day.

Lat 40.43
Long 47.46

Sunday Aug. 30th 1874

all these 24 hours light baffling winds from the N and W and fine pleasant weather at 9 hauled the other steam ship side and hooked on to it at 12 had the steam all in but hoeing the case — started the works again — Oil running from the stuffing box very hot everything apparently about with oil from the cabin to the forecastle — the weather very warm — in the PM hoisted the Pinse — Lost much of this steam in cutting

Lost at Mered 40 02
Long by Lehra 48 16

Monday Aug 31st

begins in with light airs from the SW and fine warm pleasant weather in fact too warm for our benefit as the stuffing is showing very hot — all hands very busy — bolting as hard as possible nothing in sight all this day — Fitted the rudder by putting on two preservative tillers one on each side fitted in to the sockets on the rudder head on these two tillers we put on tackles by which we steer

Lat at Mered 39 37
Long by Lehra 49 16

Guescharn Sept 1st 1868

Came in with light showers of rain moderate breezes from the N.W. and in short throughout the day from the S.W.S.W. in port and W.S.W. the latter part of the night had constant showers that relaxed over boiling. Ship is heeling to the N. under Foresail and lower main top sail and the topmast staysail. Tried flowed about 60 Bbls oil in the main hold. At 12 got through with the boats and commenced boiling on the heads. The boiling was best indeed on account of the kettles being blasted so much. There is great making over black oil. Learned that we could take back it into the port and take it out again immediately. Saw Coder true self steering to the E.

Have for the last two days found a strong current setting to the ship

Lat 39.41

Long 30.38

Wednesday Sept 2nd 1868

Commences with light baffling winds from the W and showers. Shift to the wind to the S.W. with moderate fair. Foresail and lower mainto'sail set. — All hands brace braising and stowing oil in the main hold. — One sail in sight steering to the E.

Lat. at Meri 40 00
Long by Chro. 51 16

Thursday Sept. 3rd

Commences with strong breezes from the S.W and squally weather. Shift of the wind heading to the S.E under Pens. sail — nothing in sight all day — Wind have no great death to the S.E. at 4 wse. ship Reading S.W.W. finished stowing oil — fitt down 156 Bbls from the Sperm whales.

Lat 40 24
Long 51 07

Friday Sept 4th

Commences with light moderate breezes from the and cloudy weather. Shift of the wind heading to the S.E.E. with all sail out. Pens. Foresail today. Both steering to the E. Nothing more in sight all day no birds porpoises or anything else.

Lat 40 34 Long 51 39

Saturday Sept. 5th 1868

Comes in with light baffling winds from the S.W. and E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship by the wind heading S.W. with all sail set — Hadno fitted up a temporary wheel to steer with. Found it answered the purpose very well. — Saw this day porpoises and in the P.M. large flocks of birds called wanets — One sail in sight nothing more all day —

Lat. 40.06
Long. 52.01

Monday Sept 7th

Comes in with light baffling airs from the S.W. and E. heading to the E. and S.E. and a heavy swell on from S.W. and W. Ship steering E. feel confused. — Nothing in sight all day — Yesterday had a heavy gale from the S. and an ugly sea. Today nearly calm. Saw but little porpoises.

Lat 41.59
Long 50.52

Log of the Ship Benj. Franklin

Tuesday Sept. 8th 1868

Comes in with light baffling airs from the S.E. and cloudy weather Looking much like rain. Ship by the wind heading N.E. During the P.M. made several tacks at 4½ Spoke the British Barque Benjamin Prentiss of Liverpool G.B. thirty five days from London for Philadelphia with an assorted cargo — at 12 Calm, in the P.M. a light breeze from the S. which gradually strengthened and hauled to the S.E. — Saw several schools of porpoises and one of grampuses — Patent log in tight all day.

Lat at 41.55
Long 50.22
Long by Lt Forbes 52.18

Wednesday Sept. 9th

Comes in with light baffling airs from the S. with thick rainy weather — raining all night — Ship by the wind heading E.S.E. under moderate sail — the weather cold and misty being on the southern edge of the Banks — in the A.M. holds off raining — and remain quite pleasant the remainder of the day — saw porpoises and grampuses and flocks of stormy tailed birds

Lat. 42 18
Long 49.16

Thursday Sept. 10th 1868

Comes in with light bubbling airs from the S and hauling round all to the N and W at 10 A.M. wind from the W.N.W. light with fog. all the A.M. among heavy tide-rips being as we believe on southeastern edge of the Grand Banks of New Foundland. Saw Blackfish — at 2 P.M. saw Blackfish again lowered down them and saw them no more. at 9 low lights in — saw one sail in sight — all the P.M. steering to the E. Nothing more in sight

Lat. at Noon 42.14
Long by Chro. 48.05

Friday Sept. 11th

Comes in with strong breezes from S.S.E and overcast with some — rather foggy seeing. all the A.M. standing to the S.E. to clear all forward sail off. — in the P.M. stand to the S.W. and back again to the W.N.W. — all day strong breezes and foggy weather — saw one sail in the A.M. steering to the W. and in the P.M. one steering to the E. by the wind — all last night standing by the wind to the W.N.W. — have seen first of Porpoises today

Lat. 42.00
Long. 47.30

Saturday Sept 12th 1868

Comes in with light winds from the S.E. and hazy weather. Ship lay the wind to the S.W. and E. — One sail in sight — Saw Blackfish — lowered three boats and took one sail to Wait Boat. Plenty of porpoises also in sight — all the S.W. Steering N.E. & N.N.E. for courses — latter part being fill day — being misty — at sunset came to the wind, — steering same in sight all day.

Lat at Noon 42 18
Long by Chro 48.00

Sunday Sept. 13th

Comes in with moderate breezes from E.S.E. and hazy weather with a heavy swell all day from the S. — One sail in sight in the A.M. — Ship cruising to the N. with all sails out making a zigzag course in the P.M. saw a school Blackfish — Cowfish and porpoises at 5 P.M. luffed to the wind heading to the S.S.E. — Saw one finback today but no Sperm Whales — all the Blackfish going to the windward about E.S.E. for courses and going quick — Running through Blackfish about two hours, — did not lower for them

Lat at Noon 41.56
Long by Chro 48.10

Monday Sept. 14th 1868

Commences in with strong breezes from S.E. and overcast and a very heavy swell running from the S. Ship hove to under all sail on different tacks working to the N. with all hands at sea bed. — Moderating in night all day bent hawses

Lat at Mert, 41.54
Long by Chro, 47.59

Tuesday Sept. 15th

Commences with moderate breezes from the S.E. and clear weather — Hove to for a few minutes all day bent a few fathoms at sunset shortened sail and were Ship steering to the South

Lat. at Mert, 42.19
Long by Chro, 47.14

Wednesday Sept. 16th

at 6 A.M. commenced blowing from E.S.E. with thick cloudy weather — wind veering into the N.E. — until 3 next morning blowing very heavy from the E. with much rain this unexpected being the first blow of the season

Wm Wm Wm Wm

Wm Wm Wm Wm

Thursday Sept 17th 1868

From 8 till 7 AM quite moderate but thick hazy weather the wind had no residuals from the E. to the N.W. but the barometer was low — at 7 commenced blowing heavy from N.W. N.N.W. — and continued blowing so until night when it began to moderate a little — this being the 2d day of us heavy gale

No Obs.

Friday Sept. 18th

Commences with quite moderate breezes from S.W. N.W. and overcast with some hazy weather at 8 AM, hoisted down Whales using 6 fast rowboats — lowered two boats — Starb. Boat struck a smart one — he stove both Starb and West Boats — he was very running and very smart with his iron — he came on board and stuck at the two boats — Starb boat hung to him all day and just at dark killed him and the whale stove and rolled over the Starb Boat. Got the whole alongside by 9 of AM

Lost at Mess 41 J
Lemon by labor 46 25

Lost Mates Iron Pot Mates Iron Pot
Lost all Mates Boats Stove

Saturday Sept 19th 1868

Comes in with strong breezes from the N.E. and hazy weather. Got a boat on to the Whale. The blubber being cut and tearing easily and the weather rough and wet. Trouble in cutting but got them all in by 8 P.M. about 50 Bbl Whale. At 4 P.M. saw a school of Sperm Whales going to the E. about a dozen 150 Bbl Whales, was still and showed as good chance but boats being all stove did not lower.

41 40
46 15

Sunday Sept. 20th

Comes in with light breezes from the E. and overcast. Ship by the wind heading N.W. per compass under mainsail and foresail. All hands employed in boiling, fitting boats &c. Nothing in sight all day.

Left by last 41 30
Long by chro 46 14

Saw Sperm Whales.

Monday Sept. 21st 1868

Comes in with moderate breezes from the N.E. and overcast — All hands employed in boiling filling casks &c — in the P.M. Stowed the Bil in the Blubber-room — Finished boiling and cleared up decks — Whale making 42 Bbls — On the A.M. had light airs from the N.E. Shift to the west — one sail in sight — Saw Porpoises and pigeons — Nothing more in sight all day.

Lat at Noon 40.10
Long by Chro. 46.10

Tuesday Sept. 22

Comes in with moderate breezes from the N.E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship by the wind heading S.W. by compass — Wind hauling gradually to the E. — at 3 P.M. about N.E. — in the A.M. saw two sail standing to the E. — in the P.M. saw one Bulkhead bottom — Standing to the N. all the P.M. from 12 to 1 saw a great many toad stools and from 3 till dark was in green water — Nothing more in sight all day

Lat 40.44
Long 46.54

Wednesday Sept 23rd 1868
Comes in with fresh breezes from S. E. and overcast. — Ship by the wind heading to the E. & N. E. ~~with~~ all prudent sail out — saw several sail today — saw porpoises — at 3 P. M. commenced raining — Nothing more in sight all day
P.

Lat at Mrd 41 20 N
Long by Chro 46.50 W
P.

Thursday Sept 24th
Comes in with a gale of wind and rain from S. E. — Ship by the wind under a reefed sail — at 10 A. saw a school of small Sperm Whales going quite slow to the windward S. E. per compass — Ship standing S. W. — all the letters blue water in the F. M. quite green — saw two schools of porpoises through the day nothing more in sight all day
P.

Lat at Mrd 41 55
Lat by Dead reckg. 41.57
Long by Chro. 46.18
Long by Dead reckg 46.17
P.

Sperm Whales

Wednesday Sept 30th 1868

Comes in with strong breezes from S.S.W. and hazy weather at Sunrise saw Sperm Whales some two miles to the windward gain quite quick to windward could not get at with them — call for more sail standing to the W. saw Blackfish and porpoises — in the P.M. standing S.E. by the wind — just before sunset saw Sperm Whales again at Dusk lowered two boats West boat took a small calf lance boat distanced and drawed — took the whole to Ship and hoisted him in whole,

Lat at Mert 41.45 Long at Mert 46.30
Lat of Whales in A.M. 41.49 Long. 46.16
Lat of Whales in P.M. 41.42 Long 46.18

Chas. Wales Grice, 1st Mate
Jos. B. Gifford, 2nd Mate

Saw Sperm Whales
Sent boat to each boat

Thursday Oct. 1st 1868

Comes in with fresh breezes from E.N.E. and cloudy weather. at 7 A.M. raised Sperm Whales. going quick to the windward lowered and chased with all three boats took one to each boat and got alongside by 11 A.M. This was a large School of cows and calfs. and some 40 Bbls Reels, any amount of Blackfish and porpoises among the whales. In three of them cut them all in — supposing that the 4 whales will make 130 Bbls. — Started the ships. Long by Chron. 46.16 Lat at noon 41.16 P.M.

Friday Oct 2d.

Comes in with fine weather slight airs from S.E. wind employed in boiling while working to the N.E. with all the out — saw plenty of Blackfish and porpoises today — One sail in sight standing to the E. — water is a dark green.

Lat at Merid. 41.08
Long by Chro. 46.15

Sam Sperm Whales

Saturday Oct 3rd 1868

Commences in with strong breezes from the E and thick rainy weather. Ship working to the S.E. — watch employed in boiling at 8 A.M. saw a school of Sperm Whales of bulls cows and calves going quick to the S.E. were gallied by the Ship — lowered and chased with two boats without success — finished boiling — wind hauling to S and S.W.

Lat. of Whales by Lon, 41°.35'
Long. of do do 46.18

Sunday Oct 4th 1868

Commences in with a gale of wind and rain from S.W. and a heavy swell on — Ship lying to under close reefed main topsail heading up W.N.W. at 10 A.M. wind shifted to the S.E. with much rain continues to blow and rain all day

No Obs.

Monday Oct. 5th

All these 24 hours strong breezes from E.N.E. and overcast — Ship by the wind on different tacks working to the S.E. with all prudent sail out — One sail seen today — saw Blackfish and porpoises

Lat 40.54
Long. 46.50

Tuesday Oct 6th 1868

Commences in with moderate breezes from the S. and hazy weather at 4 Spoke Bk Addison Cornell of New Bedford 560 Sperm oil total brought home Direct Shipped by her 5 casks of Sperm Oil containing 1381 Gallons, — 4 Bbls and 26½ Gallons, also sent home by her, Joseph H. Holmes Cooper and Ship Keeper, — being sick and unable to do duty — Received from Bk Addison 6 Boxes of Tobacco at about 108 lbs each — for sales, — also received from Bk Addison two Boxes of Sugar for use the weight and value to be determined on and settled by Lorenzo Peirce Esqr of New Bedford at 3 P M. she left us with a fair wind — at 6 P M blowing and raining 1 Pt Lbs,

Wednesday Oct 7th

Commences in with strong gales from the N W and clear weather — Ship by the wind heading S. E. under close reefed main topsail — One sail in sight steering to the E — wind hauling gradually to the E at 4 P M wore ship heading N W per compass — Nothing more in sight all day

Lat 41.38
Long 46.08

Thursday Oct 8th 1868

Comes in with moderate breezes from S.E. to N.E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship lies the wind to the S.E. with all sail out. In the A.M. saw one sail steering to the E. and one school of porpoises. In the P.M. saw one school of porpoises. Nothing more in sight all day. Wind breezing to the S and E.

Lat at Noon 41 45
Long by Chro. 46 42

Friday Oct 9th

Comes in with moderate breezes from S.E. to and fine weather. Ship steering S.W. & W. with all hands out. Saw one sail steering to the E. at 10 A.M. raised a School of Sperm Whale. Three again blow to the windward. Lowered twice at 11 and at 1 P.M. lowered the other at 2 Starboard boat struck a 60 Bbler. — Killed him and got him alongside by 4. — hooked on and cut the head off and the boats in by 6 P.M. —

Lat at Noon 41.17
Long by Chro 46 48

Saw Sperm Whales
Took One

Saw Sperm Whales
Took one to W Boat

Saturday Oct. 10th 1868

Commences in with fine weather — with light airs from the S.E. — at 6 hoisted in to the Head and cut it in — hailed the hose and started the works for boiling — saw two sails — at 2 P.M. saw Sperm Whales lowered and chased with two boats at 3½ P.M. Boat struck a 40 Bbl Bull — killed the whale and got him to the ship by dusk. — Saw only three whales spouting slow to the S.E.

Lat at Meri. 41°.12'
Long by Chro. 46.28

Saw Whales
Took one to W Boat

Sunday Oct 11th

Commences in with light airs from S.E. and fine weather & at 7 hooked on to the whale and commenced cutting at 8 saw Sperm Whales about a Dozen going slow S.E. lowered and chased with two boats. Mate's boat struck a 40 Bbl bull — killed him by 12 and commenced towing for the ship. Starb boat's crew and Mate's crew cutting — got through and took the other whale alongside by 2 P.M. Lat part boiling Lat 41.12 - 46.20

Monday Oct. 12th 1868

Commences with moderate breezes from the S and fine weather in the A.M. hooked on to the whale and cut in in — in the P.M. stowed above 40 Bbls Oil in the fore hold — boiling and doing other work about ship — cleared away head &c. — Bro. sail in sight S

Lat. at Noon 40 49

Tuesday Oct. 13th 1868

Commences with strong breezes from N.W. and overcast and looking like rain Steering N.E. & N.N.E. under Foresail watch Permitted on boiling — at 10 A.M. comm'd raining — at 1 P.M. shower — wind Moderates gradually to the N.W. at sundown wind N.W. with little rain — clearing up

Lat at Noon 40.54

Long by Chron. 46.10

Wednesday Oct. 14th 1868.

Comes in with moderate breezes from E. E. and overcast. Ship by the wind to the S.S.W. under easy sail. In the A.M. all hands been in bailing and stowing oil in the main hold. In the P.M. bailing and stowing oil in blubber room and doing other work about ship. At sunset wind E. and overcast looking much like rain

Lat. at noon 40°.52' N.
Long by Chro. 46.26 W.

Thursday Oct. 15th

Comes in with moderate breezes from E. E. and overcast. Ship by the wind under easy sail standing to the S.S.W. in the P.M. standing to the S. — nothing in sight all day — all hands employed in stowing oil and doing other necessary work. Ship finished bailing last night about 12

Lat. at noon 41.27
Long by Chro. 47.04

Fryday Oct. 16th 1868

Begins with light winds from the E and fine pleasant weather Ship by the wind to the N.N.E, cruising with all prudent sail set. — One sail in sight — Made several tacks during the A.M. — in the P.M. winds hauling to the S — Ship standing to the S.W. saw several schools of Blackfish and porpoises in Green water

Lat at Merd. 41.35 N
Long by Chro. 46.46 W.

Saturday Oct. 17th

Comes in with strong gales from S.S.W. and cloudy weather — Ship by the wind standing to the S.E. under easy sails — all through the A.M. nothing but one sail in sight — at 2 P.M. saw Sperm Whales coming up on our weather quarter and quick to the S.S.E. — saw about a dozen 40 or 50 Bblers, — after sunset came up to four or five close to our lee bow, — lowered two boats and chased but it came on dark before the boats could come up to the whales — think there was part of another school

Lat. of Whales 41.24 Lat at Merd. 41.28
Long of do. 46.22 Long. by Chro. 46.26

Our Officers in Whales

Sunday Oct. 18th 1868

Commences in with a gale of wind and rain from S.W. and a heavy swell running — Ship lying to under maintopsail and fore lowerset and mizz. topsails heading W.S.W. & W.N.W. all the day. At 12 M the wind changed suddenly to the N.W. blowing strong with squalls of rain — saw one sail steering to the E. & N.E.

Monday Oct. 19th

Commences in with strong breezes from N.W. and overcast with a very heavy swell running all day from the W. — Ship lying heard standing to the N and E. and all latter heard W. her courses — saw three sail Tacks all steering E. also saw one school of porpoises & nothing more in sight —

Lat at Mend. 41.7 N
Long by Chro 45.41

Ship Sperm Whales, Sperm, & Morris

Tuesday Oct. 20th 1868

Commences with moderate breezes from the E. and hazy weather. Ship steering S.W. by compass. — at 10 A.M. Ship Sperm & Morris Hove-to on S.W. 5 mos 250 Sperm 50 Whale — was boiling — Spoken with her. — Saw Blackfish in the P.M. steering S.S.W. — nothing more in sight — Lat at noon 40.47

Wednesday Oct. 21st

Commences with moderate breezes from N.W. and some fog — Ship by the wind to the S.E. in the A.M. Sperm & Morris at 10 A.M. saw a school of Whales quite still — boats from Sperm & Morris gallied them. — Both Ships boats chasing — at 12 blowing on starb. from N.W. with fog. was obliged to give up the chase. — P.M. all P.M. a gale and fog — both ships standing to the E.

Lat by Cal. 41.10 N
Long By Chron. 47.20 W.

Saw Sperm Whales

Thursday Oct. 22nd 1868

Comes in with moderate breezes from the E. & N.E. and overcast. Ship by the wind with all sails out cruising to the S.E. — at 9 A.M. saw Sperm Whales — gallied by ship passing over them — lowered and chased without success with all three boats — Whales going off quick S.E. — saw only three 40 Whales — in the P.M. strong breezes from S.E. — saw Blackfish and porpoises

Lat at Noon 41.27
Long by Chro. 46.09

Saw Sperm Whales
Urzce Orders

Friday Oct. 23rd

Commenced in with a gale of wind from S.W. and heavy weather — ship being to heading S.S.E. — at 8 saw a large School of Sperm Whales — cows and calves wind slow to the S.E. — too rough to lower — they came close to the ship but near enough to shoot — had gun ready for them — at 12 saw another School of Sperm Whales were larger whales than the others they came also close to ship too rough to lower the boats could do nothing but look at them in the P.M. rainy — Lat. 41.23 Long 46.09

Saturday Oct. 24th 1868

Comes in with strong gales from the S & and cloudy weather. Ship cruising on dift. Tacks — Water quite blue and clear — Nothing in sight all day

Lat 41°.12
Long 45°.00

Sunday Oct. 25th

Comes in with fresh breezes from the S & and hazy weather. at 10 clear weather Ship by the wind to the N.W. — at 11 saw a sail which proved to be the Leon, of Morris. Whaling — at 1 P.M. saw Sperm Whales going quick to the S.W. — at 3 lowered two boats, and chased at 5 Lower boat struck a small one, at 5½ Waist boat struck another small one took them both alongside by 8 — Two schools of whales — one of cows and calves and the other of 40 Bbl bulls — Saw Leon, of Morris take one or two whales alongside —

Saw Sperm Whales
To Leon of New Bedford
Took One

Lat at Mord 41°.11
Long by Chro 46°.50

Monday Oct. 26th 1868

Commences in with a strong gale from the E and more weather. Ship by the wind to the N.N.E., under easy sails — all hands lower clearing away Hearses &c at 10 A.M. lowers to rain — Ship Norm Harris in sight to windward — all P.M. thick and rainy with a strong gale and a very heavy swell on, from N.E. to N.E. being very cross and choppy —

Tuesday Oct. 27th

Commences in with a strong gale from the S.W. and hauling to the W.W. and overcast weather — at 7 Started the works — wore ship heading W.W. for her consort. There being a very rough swell on — cross and choppy. Nothing in sight all day — in the P.M. weather rather better but still overcast. — Ship steering W.W. for her consort. — wind N.E. Nothing in sight all day.

Lat at Mered. 41°.16
Long. by Chro. 45.27

Saw Sperm Whale

Wednesday Oct. 28th 1868

Comes in with a strong breeze from the N and thick cloudy weather. — Shift by the wind to the N and W. under easy sail — at 10 A.M. saw a Sperm Whale being thick rough weather did not lower. — at 11 A.M. Reefing all the P.M. thick and rain shift to the wind to the N.W. — find a strong set to the E. S. E., all about 40 miles — at 4 P.M. got an Obs. of the Sun and at 9 got a Merd Alt. of the Moon. giving the Lat. 41.. 10
Long 46..10

Saw Sperm Whales

Thursday Oct. 29th

Comes in with moderate breezes from N N.E. and quite clear weather. Shift by the wind to the N.W. with all sail out at 9 raised Sperm Whales — lowered and chased with all four boats without success. — at 3 hoisted all on board nearly calm all day — at 4 Took a light breeze from the S — saw porpoises — Steering N. & N.W.

Saw Sperm Whales
Took 10 Jrs

Thursday Oct, 30th 1868

Comes in with strong gales from the S.E. and squally weather — ship by the wind to the W.S.W. under easy sail — at 1 P.M. saw Sperm Whales going slow to the E. lowered and chased with all three boats — got a small one to each of the L. and W. boats and cut them in — the school was composed of cows calves and bulls

Lat by Lead, 41°.10 N.
Long by do, 46°.30 W.

Saw Sperm Whales

Saturday Oct, 31th

Comes in with strong gales from the S.E. and squally weather — ship by the wind to the E.S.E. — at 7 started the works — at 12 saw Sperm Whales — going quite moderate to the S.W. — large school of cows calves and bulls — blowing heavy and coarse weather did not lower — kept in sight of them nearly all the P.M. in hopes that it might moderate so we could lower — at 5 gave them up and wore ship to the E. hoping that we may have a more favorable day on the morrow.

Lat at Meid, 41°.11
Long by Lead, 47°.10

Sunday November 1st 1868

Comes in with strong gales from the N & and squalls of rain Ship lay to the wind to the N & W under easy sail — finished boiling cooled down and cleared up the decks — Whales turning up on deck 22 Bbls. — In the night saw a sail steering to the W. this morn at 4 saw sail steering to the E — nothing in sight all day.

Lat at Meridian 41.00
Long by Chro. 45.50

Monday Nov. 2nd

Comes in with strong breezes from the N. E. and hazy weather — Ship lay to the wind on different tacks cruising — one sail the Lord Morris in sight boiling at 8 saw Sperm Whales breaching afterward saw them spout but being rough lost the run of them — at 2 P. M. saw other spouts but could not make them out — a strong gale all the P. M. and night wind hauling to the E with rain

Lat at Merid 40.57
Long by Chro. 45.24

Saw Sperm Whales

Reb. off Nor. Navigat

Tuesday Nov. 3rd 1868

Comes in with a gale of wind from the E and accompanied with rain — Ship by the wind to the S.S.E. being to under lower maintopsail — nothing in sight all day. — at 12 moderate — wind hauling to the S.E. — at 2 kept ship off for the Western Islands — wind at sundown S.W. and quite moderate — all sail on ship

Lat at Merd. 40.36
Long by Lobs. 44.58

Wednesday Nov. 4th

Comes in with moderate winds from S.W. and overcast looking much like rain. Ship steering E. & E. per course with all sail out. nothing in sight all day

Lat at Merd 41.12
Long by Lobs. 42.12

Thursday Nov. 5th

First part moderate breezes with rain from the S.W. ship steering E. & E. During the last 24 hours the wind has been once around the compass. bringing rain from the S. and E. and S.E. & S.W. First part of nearly all night — Today steering to the E

Saw one sail
Lat 41.15
Long 41.23

Wednesday Nov 11th 1868

Comes in with a gale of wind from N.W. and rain — Ship to the wind bare to under Storm Sails — Flores and Corvo bearing N.E. per compass Dist 25 miles but not in sight — At 11 A.M. more moderate — kept Ship off N.E. by E. — at 2 raised Corvo — bearing N.E. winds strong from the N.W. at 7 P.M. passed Corvo bound for Fayal — running all night

Thursday Nov 12th

Comes in with strong gales from the N.W. and squally weather. Ship steering S.E. per compass. Under close reefed topsails for most of the day & A.M. blowing heavy in squalls and a very heavy sea on have to heading up S.E. & drive two sails today steering to the E.S.E. lying to all P.M. and night — wind going down but still some heavy squalls and a very heavy swell setting in from the N.W.

Lat at Noon 40 0 N

Friday Nov. 13th 1868

Comes in with light baffling airs from S. W. and squally weather — Ship by the wind heading N. of S. E. with all sail out — Saw the Islands of Fayal — Pico — St. George and Graciosa — West end Fayal bearing S. of W. per compass Dist by log, 45 miles — All day steering in by the wind towards St George — at sunset tacked ship when 4 miles off of the W. end of St George — heading S. W. per compass for the passage between Fayal and Pico — light baffling winds from S. E. all night weathering although the passage;

Saturday Nov. 14th

Comes in with light baffling airs from the S. W. and fine weather — Ship going to and on at Fayal — at night 15 Fathoms out to the S. W.

Sunday Nov. 15th

Comes in with strong breezes from the W. of S. W. and fine weather — Ship cruising off to the S. W. of Fayal — for whales — nothing in sight all day; but two sail

Monday Nov. 16th 1868

Comes in with strong breezes from the N.W. and squally weather — at 8 PM stood in for the harbour between Pico and Fayal arrived American Ship ~~the~~ American Union of New York from Scanlon in distress — also arrived Bk. Theodosia Burke 11 days from Boston — all night ship lying off and on at Fayal

Tuesday Nov. 17th

Comes in with strong breezes from N.W. but hauling to the S.W. and W. Ship lying off and on for the purpose of getting off recruits, Shooks &c — Got all into a lighter but coming on rough did not go out to ship with them — ship lying to off to the leward of Fayal — blowing heavy from the S. with rain

Wednesday Nov. 18th

Comes in with a gale from the S. and much rain — ships in the harbor riding heavy at anchor — One brig — English came in to use anchor today

Thursday Nov. 19th 1868

Comes in with moderate breezes from the N.W. and quite clear weather. at 8 A.M. Bk come in to the passage had had very bad weather in the last blow. — Took on board from Shore 271 Bbls of Casks in Shooks being 10 packages sent out from home per Bk Fredonia — also took from Bk Fredonia one Steering apparatus being Reeds patent. — also from Shore 60 Bu of Irish potatoes 20 do Sweet — 100 pumpkin — 30 Doz eggs &c — At night on going on board found that one man William F. Bridenhall missing having no doubt deserted from the boat while on shore — Stood out to the north through the passage with the view of going on shore again in order to get the man this behind — all night strong gales with heavy squalls — carrying on sail in order to hold up. —

Fryday Nov. 20th 1868

Comes in with a heavy gale from S.W. shifting carrying on sail to hold up but find we are going to the leward drifting off all day blowing hard — have the land in sight N.W. — Fayal & Pico just in sight at sunset West Fayal bearing N.N.E. dist 20 miles —

Saturday Nov. 21st 1868

Commences in with a gale of wind from S.W. and thick rainy and dirty weather — nothing in sight — Ship being to heading up S.W. under lower main topsails — the blowing and raining all day — being unable to work our rudder well — steering with difficulty and not being able to get the rudder up or down deemed it prudent to keep well out from the land — This afternoon fitted and put on the new steering apparatus — at night still blowing a gale — wind shifting gradually to the W.

Sunday Nov. 22nd

Commences in with a gale of wind from the W. and thick rainy weather — Ship steering S.W. by W. for Fogalo with all prudent sail out — Saw the island of Bracciera bearing to S.E. per compass — at 10 passed the Isle of St. George, bearing S.E. — at 11 saw Fogalo and Pico — Ship steering up for Fogalo with the view of getting the men that was left on shore and who we supposed had deserted — at 2 wind shifted out ahead and dying away nearly calm at 3 finding we could not work up the wind being light and a very heavy swell setting us in toward Pico deemed it prudent for the safety of ship and lives to put away

Pico and St. George

Fogalo

Bracciera

St. George

Monday Nov. 23rd 1868

Commences in with strong breezes from E. S. E. and overcast and foggy — Ship working up the passage of Fogal — at 9 A.M. went on shore in order to report the deserter remainder of the day thick and foggy

Tuesday Nov. 24th 1868

Commences in with strong gales from the W. S. W. and foggy weather — Ship crusing off Fogal — Left on shore at 8 A.M. raised a school of large sperm whales going very slow W. S. W. — cleared away the boats and went down Mate's boat got nearly on when the whale went down and then saw the boat under water — whale came to windward — went under the mate but was too far off to fasten boats been having started — at 4 P.M. lowered again for the same whales they working up for the W. end of Fogal but blowing heavy sea nothing

Stars & Stripes
Mate's
Geo. Sherman
Mate
Wm. Lopez
Mate

Wednesday Nov. 25th

Comes in with strong gales from N. & W. and squally weather — Ship cruising off to the N. of Fayal — at 9 P.M. saw Sperm Whales but blowing heavy could not get up to them to lower — in P.M. working up for the passage — all night off and on

Thursday Nov. 26th

Comes in with strong gales from the S. and squally weather — Ship lying off and on in the passage — Pet Pig died went on board — Theft. Ship off to the north and have to come three miles from the north head

Friday Nov. 27th

Comes in with strong breezes from the S. Ship lying cruising to the N. of Fayal — saw Ship Com. Morris and a hermaphodite Brig working up for the passage — saw one sail come out steering to the N. supposed it to be the Portuguese Brig Julia on a cruise whaling — at Sundown blowing quite heavy — nothing in sight but the different islands

Saturday Nov. 28th 1848

Comes in with strong breezes from S.W. and coarse rainy weather. Ship under easy sail off & on the Port of Fayal, saw one steamer working up for Fayal. Nothing more in sight all day.

Sunday Nov. 29th

Comes in with strong breezes from the W. and thick hazy weather. Ship working up for the passage of Fayal in sight. Wind moderate and quite clear, at 4 P.M. went on shore at Fayal.

Monday Nov. 30th

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S.W. Ship lying off and on for the coast. — at 12 Came on board — made sail and left. Ship off down south side of Pico for the Island of Teneriffe of the Canaries all night. Strong breezes from the S.W.

Tuesday ~~Nov.~~ Dec. 1st

All these 24 hours fresh breezes from the S.W. and hazy weather. Ship steering S.S.E. per compass.

Wednesday Dec. 2nd 1868

Comes in with fresh breezes from the N.E. and hazy weather looking like rain — Ship steering S. S. E. per compass with all sail on for all hands. Island of Sheerwitz — Nothing in sight all day. at night raing weather.

Thursday Dec. 3rd

Comes in with moderate breezes from the N. E. and overcast with some fog and mist — Ship steering S. S. E. with all sail on but foretop gallt sail — at 8 A.M. struck one sail steering to the S. nothing more in sight all day — no porpoises Blackfish — birds or anything of the kind.

Lat at Meridian 33 26
Long by chro. 21.10

Fryday Dec. 4th

Comes in with light breezes from the S. and overcast with light squalls of rain and mist — Ship by the wind heading S. E. by E. with all sail out but fore topgallt sail — nothing in sight all day — water blue and clear.

Lat at Merid 32.08
Long by chro 19.55

Saturday Dec. 5th 1868

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S. and overcast. Ship by the wind heading E. & E. per compass — Saw one sail steering to the S.W. — also saw one school of porpoises — Cooper employed setting up shooks for water — Teneriffe bearing S.S.E. — Dist 180 miles — Palmas bearing S.E. — all true — Dist 120 miles at 12 M.

Lat. at Mid 31 25 N.
Long by Chro 17.54 W.

Sunday Dec. 6th

Comes in with light airs from the S and baffling with quite clear weather. Ship by the wind on different tacks but mostly to the E. — Saw one sail standing to the W. — nothing more in sight all day — at 12 M. The Sulvages bearing S.S.E. true — Dist 90 miles

Lat at Mid. 31 18 N.
Long by Chro. 16.40 W.

Monday Dec. 7th 1868

Comes in with light baffling airs from the South, and intervals. Ship by the wind on different tacks working to the South. Two sail in sight all day working to the S.W. at 8 A.M. the Salvages bearing S. True Dist 45 miles

Lat at Mer'd 31.07 N.

Long by Lahro 16.18 W.

Tuesday Dec 8th 1868

Comes in with moderate breezes from S.E. and quite good weather. Ship by the wind to the W. S.W. per compass dead ahead for us. — Nothing in sight all day. — Mid part nearly calm

Lat at Mer'd 30.50

Long by Lahro 16.22

Wednesday Dec. 9th

Comes in with fresh breezes from S.S.E and clear weather — Ship by the wind to the S.W. with all prudent sail out wind hauling gradually to the S. at 8 A.M. wore ship — Saw the island of Palmer bearing S.W. per compass Dist 40 miles — at 2 P.M. saw Teneriffe bearing S. per compass — 2 points variation

Made The Canaries

Thursday Dec. 10th 1868

Comes in with light baffling airs from the S and W and very thick weather smoke — not being able to see more than two or three miles — all the forenoon nearly calm. at 2 PM. took a light breeze from S.W. still thick with smoke. — in the PM steering south per compass — at 6 end of Isle of Demerikke bearing S. E. per compass. Dist 35 miles — at 8 PM. hauled to the wind heading E. N. E. with moving aback.

Lat at Mard 29.20
Long by Chro. 16.32

Friday Dec 11th

Comes in with light airs (cats paws) and calms. — all Mid watch in the night calm. Saw a light as from a light House — Revolving — at 6 A.M. saw the land — S.W. E. end of Demerikke bearing S per compass Dist 20 miles — Where being a Revolving light on the N. E. extremity of the Island all A.M. heading in — at 8 PM quite a little breeze springing up not abreast the Light House. — at 5 altered the trim of all Crew, 3 Sail in sight at 6 hove to for the

Saturday Dec. 12th 1868

Commences in with light baffling airs from all parts of the compass. — all night ship being off and on, in the morning ship working up — at 10 took a pilot being some three miles from the anchorage, at 11½ came to an anchor in 24 fathoms at Monton with starb anchor, Gave her 60 fathoms of chain — in the P.M. getting ready for filling —

Sunday Dec. 13th

Commences in with light airs and pleasant weather. — Went on liberty the starb watch for one day. at sundown part came on board again — the sails under French colors came in and came to an anchor at 8 A.M. Starb watch went on shore on liberty

Monday — Dec, 14th 1868
Commences in with fine weather with light airs from the E.N.E. — Lying at anchor at Santa Cruz, Island of Teneriffe at 8 A.M. all hands on board asleep at work, getting off water — stowing for ballast, &c

Tuesday — Dec, 15th 1868
Commences in with light airs and calms and fine weather. — Ship still at anchor at St Cruz, Teneriffe — all hands employed in getting off water &c

Wednesday — Dec, 16th
Commences in with moderate breezes from the E. and a heavy swell from the S.E. — at 8 A.M. Capt, mate went on shore on liberty — remainder of crew stow hold taking on board ballast &c — One sail a man of war steamer from Spain came in and anchored today, — weather thick and smoky —

Thursday Dec. 17th 1868

Commences with moderate breezes from the S. and fine pleasant weather — One watch on liberty the other working in ballast — Painting Ship &c

Friday Dec. 18th

Commences with fine pleasant weather calms and light airs from all quarters — Starb watch's liberty being up this morning a fresh crew came on board by sunrise at the appointed time remaining on shore at 8 A.M. when the Starb watch went on shore — Henry Snow, Reuben Delano boatsteerers — Edwd Delano Cook and Benjn Graham Wardroom steward — Carpenter hands doing little or nothing on board on account of not having men to carry on work went on shore and tried to hire men from shore to come on board and paint ship after much trouble and expense for boat hire and guides was not able to obtain any one — preferring this to using extreme measures but not being able to obtain both reported the case of men to the English Consul, stating I wished to have them on board to work

Shore — Delano and Cook to come on board

at 4 P.M. — Mammoret went quietly on board and at work. and at 5 Delano, Snow and the Cook was taken by the Police, and put wine with on board was by the orders of the English Consul put into the lockup until the next day. — The Police brings no report from Graham

Saturday — Dec. 19th

begins in with light airs and fine cloudy weather. At sunrise according to orders. Starb watch but one man B. Bill — all came on board — at 8 B. Bill came on board. — Getting ready for sea. — light airs from the N.E. and fine weather. — at 1 P.M. have up short, all ready for sea at 3 P.M. the police took the men Snow Delano and Cook from the lock up and carried them on board. No Report from Graham, Reported him as a deserter to the English Consul and obtained a certificate from him to that effect soon after sunset Capt. came on board — made all sail. — took anchor and stood out to the south and east with light airs and calms. — at 10 P.M. took the N.E. trades — steered S.S.W.

Graham Deserts

Sundays Dec. 20th 1868

Commences with light steady trades from N.E. and fine weather. — Shift steering N & N.W. per compass with all sail out. The islands of Teneriffe and Palmas plain in sight at 12 M. — Teneriffe bearing N. and Palmas N.E. per compass being 80 and 60 miles distant respectively. at sunset wind freshening. Nothing more in sight all day.

Monday Dec. 21st

Commences with light N.E. trades and fine weather. — Shift her the courses N.W. by N. and N.W. at 8 A.M. saw Blackfish going quick to the N.E. — water reduced green all day — in the P.M. saw porpoises — Nothing more in sight all day.

Lat at Merd 25.04
Long by Lobro 16.41
P D

at Santa Cruz. Teneriffe took in 55 tons of stone ballast and 200 Bbls of fresh water — find the ship works a great deal better now than what she did before — but rolls heavier

Tuesday Dec. 22nd 1868
Comes in with moderate N E trades and fine pleasant weather — Ship steering S. W. by W. per compass — Saw one Finbacks and several schools of porpoises — nothing more in sight all day — watch employed in setting up rigging &c

Lat at Meridian 23.53
Long by Chro 17.32

Wednesday Dec. 23rd 1868
Comes in with strong trades from N E, and clear weather Ship steering S. W. by W with all prudent sail set — Saw Blackfish porpoises and finbacks and one sail steering to the South

Lat at Merid 22.09
Long by Chro 18.46

Thursday Dec. 24th 1868
Comes in with strong N E. trades and clear weather Ship steering W. S. W. per compass with all prudent sail out nothing in sight all day — at 3 P.M. two Portuguese Mancuel Coredagos and Mancuel Centrum got into a fight — sent one to the end of flying jibs boom and the other to the end of spanker boom to cool off

Lat 20.18 Long 2.52

Wednesday Dec. 30th 1868

Comes in with strong N.E. trades and hazy weather — at anchor in Madaria Bay, Isle of Sal — all hands employed in painting boats and doing other jobs about ship — at 4 P.M. took our anchor and stood out of the Bay to the N.W. under lower topsails — all night steering N.W. by N.

Thursday Dec. 31st 1868

Comes in with strong N.E. trades and hazy weather — Ship by the wind to the N.N.E. nothing in sight all day.

Lat 17.20 N

Friday January 1st 1869

Comes in with strong N.E. trades — almost a gale — with hazy weather — nothing in sight all day — Ship by the wind heading N.N.E. under lower topsails and staysails — a heavy swell running from N.E. look sick with the general — off duty

Lat 18 00
Long 24.55

Saturday Jan 2nd 1869

Comes in with strong N.E. trades almost a gale and cloudy weather — Ship by the wind heading W. by S. under lower topsails and fore topmast & mizzen staysails at 7 A.M. wore ship heading S.S.E. still blowing strong and looking but little like whaling — at 8 A.M. kept ship off W by N. with the view of going to the W.P. cruising and working toward Bermuda — Saw two sail steering to the S & W. — nothing more in sight

Lat at Mert 18°.15'.N
Long by Chro 26.50 W

Sunday Jan. 3rd 1869

Comes in with strong trades from N.E. and cloudy weather — Ship steering ~~W.N.W.~~ W.N.W. per compass — nothing in sight all day.

Lat at Mert, 18°.16
Long by Chro, 28.02

Monday Jan. 4th 1869

Commences in with strong trades from E.S.E. and quite clear weather Ship steering N.W. by W with all sail out. — Saw one Sail steering to the S. — Seen porpoises — Nothing more in sight all day. — Crew sick Still off duty

Lat at Merd. 18.32
Long by Chro. 31.00

Tuesday Jan. 5th 1869

Commences in with moderate trades from E.S.E. and somewhat squally weather — Ship steering to the N.W. by W. with all sail out. — in the A.M. saw one finback and in the P.M. saw another — nothing more in sight all day — in the P.M. commence somewhat squally with rain Crew still off duty with the exception

Lat. at Merd. 19.00
Long by Chro. 33.22

Wednesday Jan. 6th 1869

Comes in with fresh trades from E.N.E. and somewhat squally weather — Ship steering W.S.W. with all sail out

P.M. The A.M. saw two finbacks — in the P.M. saw finbacks, grampuses — and Cowfish — The water is blue and clear — Have seen more or less flying fish every day since leaving the Cape De Verdes but no Bonito or albacore — no Gulfweed to be seen. generally an abundance of that article is found all through the north Atlantic Ocean — Saw one sail this P.M. steering to the W.

Lat. at Merd. 19°36'
Long by Chro. 36°22'

Thursday Jan. 7th 1869

Comes in with strong trades from E.N.E. and squally weather with rain — Ship steering S.W. & S.W.W. per compass — nothing in sight all day but flying fish — All hands employed in cleaning and oiling chain cables — breaking out for water and doing other duty about ship

No whales — No sails or anything else

Lat at Merd. 19°53'
Long by Chro. 38°50'

Friday January 8th 1869
Comes in with light breezes from E. & N.E. and squally weather with rain — In the A.M. wind freshening — at noon strong Ship steering W. & N.W. with all sail set — nothing in sight all day but Tillers — All the P.M. clear weather

Lat at Merd. 20°.16
Long by Chro. 41.35

Saturday Jan. 9th 1869
Comes in with strong trades from E. & N.E. and squally weather with rain — Ship steering W. & N.W. with all prudent sail out — Nothing in sight but one finback

Lat. at Merd. 20.34
Long. by Chro. 44.35

Sundays Jan. 10th 1869
Comes in with strong trades from N.E. and squally with rain — Ship steering W.N.W. by W. with all sail out — nothing in sight but porpoises — Sent for the first scattering Gulf weed

Lat at Merd. 21.14
Long by Chro. 47.25

Monday Jan. 11th 1869
Commes in with strong trades from E.N.E. and somewhat squally with rains, Ship steering S.W.B. by M. with all prudent sail out. — Saw one sail steering to the N. under easy sail — also saw saw one finback and a school of porpoises

Lat. at Merd. 22°.28
Long by Chro. 50.09

Tuesday Jan. 12th 1869
Commes in with fresh trades from E.N.E. and quite pleasant weather. Ship steering S.W.B. by M. with all prudent sail out. — Nothing in sight but one finback all this day. — scattering Gulf weed about here

Lat. at Merd. 23°.21
Long. by Chro. 53.10

Wednesday Jan. 13th 1869
Commes in with moderate breezes from N.E. and clear weather. Ship steering S.W.B. by M. with all sail out — nothing in sight but finbacks.

Lat at Merd. 24.15
Long by Chro 55.47

Thursday Jan. 14th 1869
Commences in with light baffling airs from the S and S.E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship steering S.W. and S.W.b.W. with all sail out but the fore staysail. Unbent fore and main topsails and foresail and bent new sail & old ones. — Nothing but one finback seen today — plenty Gulf Weed.
Lat at noon 25°.14
Long by Lobra. 57.25

Friday. Jan. 15th 1869
Commences in with light baffling airs from S and S.E. and cloudy weather — Ship steering S.W. with all sail out — nothing in sight but finbacks all day.
Lat. 25.53
Long. 59.04

Saturday Jan 16th 1869
Commences in with light baffling airs from the E and S.E. and fine pleasant weather Ship steering S.W. for Cockburn with all sail out — saw finbacks and one sail — steering to the S.W.
Lat 26.21
Long 59.00

Sunday Jan. 17th 1869

Commences with light baffling airs from the S and S.W. and fine weather. Ship steering N.W. per compass. — 3 sail in sight. Pilot off. — at 2 spoke a Hermaphrodite Brig from Little Abaco with coal for Havana 17 days. Had most bad weather on the coast and got damaged with ice and leaking

Lat. at Noon 17°.00'
Long. by Chro. 60°.95
Long. by Brig 60°.10

Monday Jan. 18th 1869

Commences with light baffling airs from the S and W. and fine pleasant weather. Ship by the wind heading W.S.W. with all sail out. — Nothing in sight all star bright one, until at midnight Took in sheet, breeze blows fresh. — Ship steering S.W. until 5 o'clk. then at 5 P.M. and W. by N.

Lat. at Noon 17°.00'
Long. by Chro. 60°.44

Tuesday Jan. 19th 1869

Comes in with light breezes from the S and S.W. and fine weather. Ship, by the wind bearing to the S.W. with all sail out. — Nothing in sight all day but one or two fin backs — No Yellow darts or other indications of whales. Some considerable gulf weed.

Lat. at Mered 27.27
Long by Lehrs 61.35
Long by S. Rick 60.49

Wednesday Jan. 20th 1869

Comes in with slight airs from the S.W. and fine weather. Ship, by the wind bearing to the S.W. with all sail out. — Nothing in sight all day but one or two fin backs — No Yellow darts or other indications of whales. Some considerable gulf weed.

Lat. at Mered 27.48
Long by Lehrs 62.31

Thursday Jan. 21st 1864

Commences with moderate breezes from the S.W. and fair pleasant weather but little average. Ship to the wind to the S.W. with all sail out. — Saw one sail to the South steering off to the S.E. nothing more in sight all day. — All the P.M. calm.

Lat at noon 27°.31
Long by Chro. 63°.07

Fryday Jan. 22nd 1864

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S.W. and cloudy weather with squalls of rain — Ship steering S.W. per compass with all present sail out. — One sail in sight so ends

Lat at noon 28°.40
Long by Chro 63°.06

Saturday Jan. 23rd 1864

Comes in with moderate breezes from S.W. and overcast — Ship steering S.W. & W. per compass with all present sail out. — Saw a bunch break breaching and going to the windward very quick

Lat at noon 29°.55
Long 63°.31

Sundays Jan. 24th 1869

Comes in with light airs from the S.W. and fine weather. Ship working to the S.W. with all sail out. Land taken in sight for the last two nights — in the P.M. merely raise — the rain in sight since last two fine days.

Lat at Meridd 30.43
Long by Chro. 63.00

Mondays Jan. 25th

Comes in with light airs from S.W. and squally weather with some rain. Ship by the wind to the S.W. at 6 wind shifted to the W. all night past clear weather. — in the night ship standing to the S.W.

Lat at Merid 31.18

Tuesdays Jan. 26th

Comes in with strong breezes from the W. and quite fine weather — ship standing S.W. by S. with all forward sail out. — nothing in sight all day but one fin black — water blue and clear and plenty of Gulf Weed.

Lat. at Merid, 31 30
Long by Chro, 63.12

Wednesday Jan. 27th 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from the N.W. and quite fine weather — Ship by the wind heading W. with all prudent sail out. — The ground here being very dull, no praiseaises — Blackfish Birds or anything else to indicate whaling ground — at 2 P.M. spoke the English Brig Edwd Delisle of four days from New York and bound for St Helts. with an assorted cargo

Lat at Meridn 31.02
Long by Chron 63.45

Thursday Jan. 28th

Comes in with light baffling winds from the S.E. and overcast with rain and fog. — Ship steering S.W. by S. with all sail out. — at 12 P.M. wind blowing fresh from S.W. — nothing in sight — Ship under lower topsails and foresail — at 3 P.M. wind changed suddenly to the S.W. blowing heavy, called all hands and got the sail off of the Ship and hove to under lower maintopsail — at 6 moderate set the topsail and foresail

Lat at Merdn 31.19

Spoke Brig Edward Delisle 4 days out from New York for St Helts. W. Smith

Fryday Jan. 29th 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the N and N.E. Ship by the wind to the W, N.W, until 9½ then wore ship heading E, by Obs. found ourselves some 60 miles further to the W than we expected to be and some 30 miles farther South concluding therefore that we have had a two or three knot current setting W.S.W. — Nothing in sight all day.

Lat at Merd 31.21. N
Long by Obs. 65.30. W.

Saturday Jan. 30th 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from S.E. and cloudy weather looking much like rain Ship steering N.N.E. with all sail out running for Bermuda — Nothing in sight — the weather being thick and smoky. — at 11 A.M. saw something land, bean that looked somewhat like land but it not being in the direction we were expecting to find land thought best little about it — at 12 M our Lat was up but no land in sight took in sail and hauled the ship to the wind heading E — at 4 got and Obs of the Sun found we were too far E.

Lat at Merd 32.25 Long at 4 PM 64.12

Sunday Jan. 31st 1869

Comes in with quite good weather and fresh breezes from the S.W. — Ship by the wind to the S.S.W. — at 9 tacked ship to the S. wind hauling to the S. at 12 tacked again — Ship heading to the S.W. with all sails out nothing in sight all day

Lat at Mer'd 32.42
Long by Chro 64.12

Monday Feb 1st 1869

Comes in with strong gales from the S.W. and cloudy weather Ship by the wind to the S.W. at 2 P.M. were ship heading N by W. under lower topsails and foresail all P.M. blew blowing strong at sunset took in the foresail

Lat at Mer'd 32 00
Long by Chro. 64.21

Tuesday Feb 2nd 1869

Comes in with strong gales from the S.W. and quite clear weather Ship by the wind to the W. wind hauling gradually to the S. at 12 all sail on the ship at 4 P.M. raised the Light House on Bermuda — also at the same time saw land bearing S.W. — Lat at 4 32 00 Long 65.02

Off Bermudas

Wednesday Feb. 3rd 1869
at daylight saw the land — Ship standing in for the light House being about 10 miles distant — at 8 took a Pilot — Ship about 4 miles from Light House — made all sail and stood to the E — in order to round the E end for Hamilton — at 4 P.M. came to an anchor off Hamilton in 7 fathoms of water with 25 fathoms of chain to starb anchor.

Thursday Feb. 4th 1869
All this day fresh breezes from the S. and clear weather all hands employed in breaking out and evapering oil ready for Shipping — at night a part of the crew went on shore for a run, with strict orders to be on board in early morning and ready for work

Fryday Feb. 5th 1869
Fresh breezes from the South and good weather Frank Cruze and Manuel Cardoza absent from the Ship without leave at 10 A.M. was found by the Police at the Police court where they Frank Cruze entered a complaint against me for

assault on Ship board which was proved against me and was fined 20 shillings and costs of Court which was 20 shillings more, It being better to submit to this loss than a greater one by calling away from the Ships work the Ships officers as witnesses to defend the suit — Mr. Sylvia 2nd mate and Doty a Seamen was however called as witnesses by Frank Souza — Employed in breaking out and coopering oil ready for Shipping — at night a part of crew on shore —

Saturday Feb. 6th 1869

Fresh breezes from the W. and cloudy weather — all crew on board employed in setting up Shooks &c Took on board 20 Bbls of P. potatoes — a lot of Toggle Irons — 3 Boxes Bomb Lances &c all from Store of Mr. J S Darrell Esq. — being sent in his care for Bk. Ocean Steed. — Cook went on Shore to the Dr. to be doctored for the venereal disease.

Sunday Feb. 7th 1869

Fresh breezes from the W with fine weather — a part of the crew on shore for a run — the remainder on board enjoying the Sabbath — Nothing worthy of note taking place this day.

Monday Feb. 8th 1869

Light airs and calms all hands on board but Cook. — crew doing ordinary duty On the P.M. mate went on Shore and did not return again at night. — On going on board found that some one had been taking Tobacco from my room, made enquiries of Steward, and he stated that the 3d mate had given him 10 lbs. He had asked for 2 or 3 lbs by the mate and I answered that I would give it to him This thought was some three or four days before

Tuesday Feb. 9th 1869

Light airs and calms with good weather Went on board this morning and hauled the Ship up to the dock alongside of the Schooner George Brown and commenced discharging oil on Board of her — The mate absent from Ship — not yet coming on board. Took the Log Book on Shore for Reference and found that it had not been written up for three days. — The mate on Shore and unfit for duty, being drunk and absent without leave

Wednesday Feb. 10th 1869
Strong breezes from the S and W and fine weather Two men Frank Souza and Manuel Cordoza missing have no doubt deserted — made a report of them to the Police Magistrate The Mate absent from Ship — discharging Oil very slowly — a part of the crew appearing almost in a state of open mutiny

Thursday Feb. 11th 1869
Strong breezes from the W. and fine weather this morn, found that three more men were absent from the Ship and they too no doubt had deserted — their names are as follows. — Joe Sylvia — Antonio — Ventura and Manuel Marchado — No report from those that went yesterday. — Found that more Tobacco had been stolen from my Room judging that from 25 to 45 lbs had been taken altogether — — locked my Room door to prevent further mischief — at 6 P.M. the mate came on board, but not fit for duty — Discharging oil very slowly — Steward absent from Ship nearly all day, Snow and Delano a part of the day also without leave

Fryday Feb. 12th 1869

Strong breezes from S.W. and fine weather employed in putting oil on board Schooner George Brown — The mate unable to attend to duty today — is bad with the Delirium tremens — None of the five absentees yet returning to the ship — Some of the crew in almost a mutinous state the Steward and three boatsteerers Henry Snow — Reuben Delano and Elisha Williams being on shore and away from their duty more than or about one half of the time — The Steward threatened to make all the trouble he can for me unless discharged from the Ship — At 2 P.M. the mate went on shore again — he not being able to do anything but very troublesome and in the way — Steward absent from the ship nearly all day. Snow and Delano left the Ship again without leave at 3½ P.M. Finished dischargeing Oil — Took on board 4 casks of coal and 4 Bbls of sand. — hauled the Ship off from the dock into the stream and anchored with bark anchor in 5 fathoms of water and a scope of 25 fathoms of chain — The amount of Oil shipped 56 casks equal to 387 Bbls. Steward returned on Board at 3 P.M.

Saturday Feb. 13th 1869

All day fine weather — Ship lying in the Stream The crew remaining on board employed in various duties about Ship — No Report of the five deserters yet. — Snow and Belano returned on board between 10 and 11 A.M. being absent since 3½ yesterday P.M. — Cook still on shore on the Dr's hands

Sunday Feb. 14th 1869

Light baffling airs from the S and the S.E. and hazy weather — a portion of the crew had the privilege of going on shore for a run. — the mate still absent from the ship — at 5 P.M. the mate came on board at 11 P.M. all on board but the ~~mate~~ cook and the 5 deserters nothing having been heard from them as yet

Monday Feb. 15th 1869

Moderate breezes from the South and fine weather — employed in setting up shooks getting on Board fresh water and doing other duties about ship The mate unable to attend to duty — at 11½ the Steward left the ship without leave and did not return until 6 P. M. Cook came on board to day the Dr. deciding that he was well enough to do so have heard nothing of the 5 deserters as yet

Tuesday Feb. 16th 1869

Strong gales and moderate weather with showers of rain — employed in stowing water — filling and taking water on board and doing other duty about ship — made complaint against the Steward for stealing tobacco before the Police magistrate — the Steward was taken up but waived examination the mate Mr. Gifford, Mr. Borden the 3rd mate and Wm Hammond was taken up and examined as witnesses — also the Clerk of Saml. T. White Grocer was examined he having Bought some 22 lbs of tobacco from the Steward — a certain Mr. Oddy was also examined — Court adjourned until to morrow at 10 o clock — Steward was ordered on board but did not go there up to 7½ P. M.

Wednesday Feb. 17th 1869

Strong gales and hazy weather
Crew employed on board in filling water
and doing other duty about ship — all
on board but the 5 deserters and the
Steward he not coming on board
since yesterday — did not know of his
whereabouts — at 10 went up to
Police Court, — remained until part
12 M. — Steward did not make his
appearance and was not to be heard
from up to the above time — I was
at liberty to leave — conviction of
the Steward being suspended by the Court
and by the decision of the same the
Steward forfeiting all wages due him
after paying the value of Tobacco stolen
and the costs of court.
up to 8 P. M. Steward had not
been on board
No Report yet from the 5 deserters

Thursday Feb. 18th 1869

Commences with Squally strong breezes from the W and W.S.W. and hazy weather with rain employed in various duties about Ship — George Lauerhafs the Steward was discharged from the Ship articles by the Shipping Master there being a complete forfeiture of all wages on account of embezzlement of Tobacco and also of desertion — he the said Steward being absent from the Ship more than the 48 hours previous to his discharge

The Cook also was discharged by the Shipping Master as per agreement paying him in full for all wages due him as per customary mode of settling at this Port. — Full amount due said Charles Delano after all expenses and charges paid on his account and his indebtedness to the Ship and Owners being only $6.32 cts —

Paid said Charles Delano per order of Reuben Delano $25.00

No report yet from the 5 deserters

Fryday Feb. 19th 1869

Comes in with light airs from the E. N. E. and S. with fine weather — crew employed in various duties about ship — such as filling — taking on board, and stowing water — taking on board chains for ballast &c making preperations for sea 3 men went on board from the shore with the view of shipping have heard nothing from either the steward or the five deserters. — the mate attending duty for the first time since Feb. 8th

Saturday Feb. 20th 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from S. W. and S with hazy weather crew employed in stowing water — ballast and doing other duties on board ship — Shipped five men today their names as follows Bernar Cino adv. $2 — Perez advanced $3 John Gonçalves adv. $3 — Cezar Martez Joaquin Rodrigue adv. $3 and Joan Francisco ad $5 all to be on board Monday morning by 7 o clock — No report from the five deserters. — Through the request of the shipping master, and the entreaty of the steward I delivered him his clothes ~~then shipped — to be on board Monday morn at 6~~

Sunday Feb. 21st 1869
Comes in with light airs and calms crew on board enjoying the sabbath. a portion of them came on shore for a run — Nothing worthy of note taking place today

Monday Feb. 22nd 1869
Comes in with light airs and calms crew employed in filling — getting off and stowing water & doing other duty about Ship 2nd mate complaining of the mate as being drunk and quarrelsome — finding fault with him the 2nd mate for superintending work. — Mate came on shore this P.M. and remained nearly all the P.M. leaving no officer on board being unfit for duty. — but went on board at 4 P.M.
Shipped another man today by the name of Antonio Manuel at the 1170 bay being the same as those shipped, Saturday 20th and is to be on board tomorrow A.M. at 6 those shipped Saturday 20 inst all on board this morn and at work

Tuesday Feb. 23

Commences in with light breezes from the S W and thick weather — employed in getting ready for sea at 2 P M, Pilot went on board to get underweigh — at 6 came on shore again complaining that the mate and nearly all hands was drunk — that he found that the mate refused to get underweigh and resisted the Pilots authority — after some quarreling the mate went below to his room — and then he ordered the crew to take the anchor — hauled out a distance of half a mile or so and tied here to a buoy — for the night

Pilot came on shore

Shipped today two more men by name the names of Wm Henry @ 1770 by $10.80 advance and G Hoyt @ 1160 by no advance. both to be on board at 6 tomorrow morning

Wednesday Feb. 24th 1869

This morning strong breeze from the W.S.W. and hazy weather. Ship lying at the buoy in the harbor of Hamilton. During the night Cooper and two brothers Snow & Belano and a seamen Wm. Hammond went on shore without leave. at 9 Pilot came on board drunk. a seamen by the name of Hoyt also came on board with him. at 10 Cooper and Snow and Belano returned to ship. Wm. Hammond not returning. at 7 o'clk PM Pilot called all hands to get under weigh. Mate and brothers. Pilot report drunk and would do nothing. Pilot came on shore at 8 PM, in the meantime the lines parted from the buoy and let go port anchor to keep vessel down wind on the tanks. Sent for the mate to come on shore. did not come waited for an hour or two he did not come. went on board and found him nearly drunk. he came on shore at 2 P.M. and was discharged for drunkenness. advancing him $100 dollars in gold and paying him by order on Lorenzo Pierce Esq. of New Bedford. shipped a man for steward by the name of Manuel Pereira to be on board tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock

Mr. Dodge Pilot by his assistant

Promoted Mr. Sylvia from 2nd to 1st mate giving him the 1/18th lay
also promoted Mr. Hamel, to Border from 3rd to 2nd mate giving him the 1/28th lay
Mr. Hemmons not appearing was boarded today. The mate Mr. Gifford being discharged transfered his things on shore —
At 12 M. Mr. Hammond was arrested by the Police and put in the lock up — he was arrested some 4 or 5 miles out of the place

Thursday Feb. 25th 1869
Commences with strong breezes and cloudy weather winds from N. to E. at 10 A.M. made complaint against Mr. Hammond seaman that yesterday deserted the complaint was sustained before the Police Magistrate and Mr. Hammond was fined and costs of court Total 1. 7. 4½ = $6.57 besides working a forfeiture of all wages and money due him from ship — shipped as forewater footer Cook, Seamen &c Manuel Joseph — advancing him $18 — At 8 A.M. Pilot on board took the ship some four miles down the bay and anchored agreeable to Manuel Joseph — Mr. Hammond and Manuel Pereira went on board. —
At 2 P.M. raining weather

Tuesday March 2nd 1869

Comes in with strong gales from the W. & W. and squally weather — Ship by the wind heading to the S. W. under lower topsails — at 10 more moderate set courses and jibs at 12 M. set whole topsails Maintopgallant sail and flying jibs. — Ship working to the W. with all sail out. — Two sail in sight both steering to the N and E. — Steward still sick Hammond acting as steward. — at sunset winds light and baffling — Today have all the men that wished clothes as also Boots and shoes.

Lat 32 34
Long 65 32

Wednesday March 3rd 1869

Comes in with strong gales from the N. W. and squally weather — Ship by the wind on different tacks working to the W for the Charleston Ground — nothing in sight all day — Steward still sick and off duty — Tacked ship several times during the day — at sundown winds light and baffling

Lat at Meridian 32 2

A Change of Officers

Thursday March 4th 1869

Comes in with strong gales from the W and S.W. and squally weather which by the wind with all prudent sail out — Five times with all sail on then not — but lower topsails the weather very squally and the winds baffling with heavy showers of rain — Manuel Perera the steward being ignorant of his duties and incompetent to fill them, through mutual consent of the master went forward to do duty and to receive the pay of ordinary seamen the Shipped at the Port of Hamilton

Wm Hammond seamen coming aft to serve as steward during the remainder of the voyage — receiving therefore the 1/120 lay of oil hereafter taken while he the said Wm Hammond shall act as steward.

All through the day squally weather — nothing in sight

Wednesday March 10th 1869

Commences in with strong gales from the S.S.E. and cloudy weather. Ship steering W. per compass. Saw or three sail in sight. One a bark. Call her a whaler steering about W by N under easy sail in the S.E. wind travelling westerly to the N.

Lat at Noon 30.39
Long by Chro. 74.15

Thursday March 11th 1869

Commences in with raining weather and moderate gales from S.W. Ship by the wind heading W.S.W. under easy sail in the N.M. One sail, the one that yesterday we called a whaler, in sight on the lee beam under easy sail steering to the W.S.W. Yesterday she was on our weather beam. Saw two other sail today steering to the N and E, in the S.P.M. Had much rain. Started the works and boiled out the two Blackfish taken yesterday last. Machine about give 8 bbls. Today sent two whaleboats of boilers with rain to the ~~two~~ leeward. At Night shortened sail being on our cruising ground. Set boat crews watches

Lat 31.03 N
Long 76.00 W

Friday March 12th 1869

Comes in with strong gales from N.W. and clear weather — Ship lay the wind to the S.W. under easy sail — water quite green — Experienced a set to the N.E. have been in light tides rips all day — Saw one sail to the N.E. of us steering to the S.W. be the wind — Ran down and got her long — bound her to be the Alexandria of Maryport N.B. — all the P.M. steering to the S.W. — Saw two fishbarks this P.M. — Nothing more in sight

Lat at Mard 31.18
Long by Chro. 76.25
Long by Alex. 75.30

Saturday March 13th 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the W. & N.W. and fine pleasant weather Ship by the wind heading to the S.S.W. with all sail out — In the A.M. saw lowered for, and chased Blackfish without success they going quick to the W. Water blue and clear, very little Gulf Weed seen today — in the P.M. saw one sail steering to the N.W. — Lat 30 47 — Long 76.40

Sunday March 14th 1869

Comes in with light airs and calms — winds from S.W. and fine pleasant weather Ship in the forenoon steering N.N.E. per compass with all sail out. — nothing in sight all day but 2 porpoises and one Old Molasses Hhd, for which we lowered a boat — In the P.M. steering E.S.E. per compass with all sail out — all day the water blue and clear with but a very few yellow drafts. — a very few Portuguese men of war also in the water.

Lat at Noon 30.37
Long by Chro. 46.37

Monday March 15th 1869

Comes in with light airs from the W.S.W. and fine weather — Ship in the morning by the wind to the S.E. — saw a spout to the leeward. hauled aback and laid one hour but saw it no more kept ship off to the E. until 11 then hauled up to the wind S.E. Saw several finbacks during the day and Grampuses and porpoises — also several sail all steering to the E. and E. all day. water blue and clear — in the afn somewhat ripply — Lat 30.39 Long 16.08

Tuesday March 16th 1869

Commences with light airs from the W.S.W. and cloudy weather — Ship by the wind heading S.S.W. with all sail out, cruising — Nothing in sight in the A.M. but one sail — Unbent sent down and repaired the Upper Foretopsail — In the P.M. saw three Finbacks — water very blue with plenty of Yellow-Drafts — No Blackfish or porpoises seen today Bent the Upper Foretopsail and unbent sent down and commenced repairing the lower One, — at Night shortened sail as usual.

Lat 30.00 N
Long. 76.00 W.

Wednesday March 17th 1869

Commences with light airs from the W. and fine pleasant weather — Ship by the wind to the S.S.W. with all sail on but Upper main topsail which is undergoing repairs — Saw one sail steering to the E and E. — at 12 M. light baffling airs from the S.W. and Ship heading W.S.W. finished repairing main topsail and bent it — No sail in sight this P.M.

Lat 29.41
Long 76.09

On Mussel Bank off Abrolhos Shoals off Pernambuco

Thursday March 18th 1869

Begins with fresh breezes from the N and cloudy weather at 6 A.M. made sail and kept ship S W b W per compass — Saw in the A.M. three sail all steering N E, b the wind — Unbent the Spanker and tore it up for old canvass — and bent a new one — Sent down for repairs the lower maintopsails — in the P.M. saw two sail steering to the E. — bent the maintopsail — Water all day very blue and clear — saw several birds today — in the fore part of the day large rifts of Gulf Weed in the latter part — none to be seen

Lat at Noon 29.11
Long by Chro. 77.15

Friday March 19th 1869

Comes in with fresh breezes from E and cloudy weather Ship steering S W under easy sail — Nothing in sight all the A.M. — employed in repairing the main sail — in the P.M. fell in with quite heavy rippling — Saw several schools of Blackfish, porpoises and cowfish — little Gulf weed — at night shortened sail — wore ship heading E N E — Lat 28.08 Long 78.2

Saturday March 20th 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from the S. W. and squally weather with rain. Ship by the wind under lower main-topsail and foretopmast and main stay-sails. — Through the day saw several sail steering to the S. E. & E. — at 5 P.M. the wind changed suddenly to the N.W. and much rain

Mid part clear weather

Lat. at Merd. 28.17
Long by Chro. 78.59

Sunday March 21st 1869

Begins with fresh breezes from the W. and hauling to the N.W. and clear weather. Ship by the wind to the S.W. with all sail out. — All the day in tide rips among Gulf Weed — saw two schools of Blackfish and two of porpoises — did not lower for the Blackfish as it was good sailing and good time for a whale — at 9 by getting out of tide rips and Gulf Weed imagined we were in the edge of the Gulf-stream — kept ship off S.E. — All through the day — nothing more in sight — Lat 28.59 Long 79.25

Saw Blackfish

Friday March 26th 1869

Begins with strong breezes from the S.S.E. and clear weather — Ship to the wind to the E under whole main and lower fore topsails jibs and stunsker — One sail in sight steering to the E. — In the P.M. saw two or three Lubbers — water blue and clear all day — Saw a few birds — and some Gulf Weed

Lat at Mord. 31.18 N
Long by Chro. 76.50 W.
P.D.

Saturday March 27th 1869

Begins with strong gales from the S.E and cloudy weather — Ship to the wind to the S.E. to under whole foresail — water blue and clear with but little Gulf weed — Saw several Sheephead Bottom Whales today all day a rough Sea as from the S.E. — with heavy side roll — One sail in sight — No Whales — no porpoises Bloubirds or anything else all day — Looks like poor fishing and we think of moving soon to some other ground

Lat at Mord. 31.57
Long by Chro. 75.26
P.D.

Sunday March 28th 1869

Begins with strong gales from the South and overcast with squalls — Ship hauled to the wind to the E.S.E. with all fore-sail set — Nothing in sight all the afternoon but Sulphur Bottom Whales — Saw several around us today also saw porpoises once today and in the P.M. saw one sail to the leward standing to the E. — Ship hauled shortened sail as usual — In the afternoon saw a great many fallow fish — No other signs or indications of whales all day.

Lat at Mid. 21.26 S
Long by Chro. 74.40 W.

Monday March 29th 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from the S and stormy weather — Ship hauled to the wind to the S and E. with all fore-sail set — Nothing in sight but Sulphur Bottom Whales — Sky being quite cloudy at 4 A.M. wind changed to the W.S.W. — Ship on different tacks — Water blue and clear — but little Gulf weed — saw today 6 Cbs. for Lat
Long by Chro. 73.40

Tuesday March 30th 1869

Begins with strong breezes from S.E. and clear weather. Shift to the west to the S.E. to with all sail out. Saw one finback and three sail in the offing off the mouth of the keeping hence off for the last of 23 in what is generally called the Whalemen ground. Saw several finbacks in the S.E. and two sail. Watch employed in setting fore and aft stays.

Lat at Meridian 38.26
Long by Chron 73.10

Wednesday March 31st 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from the S.W. and clear weather. Shift by the wind to the S.E. to the at sunrise passed a school of whales, gone quite to the S.W. Left shift off for them but did not see them again. Saw several finbacks during the day. Shift on different tacks. Blowing all day heavy nothing more in sight.

Lat at Merid, 38.51
Long by Chron 72.24

Our Whales Spermes called them

Thursday March – April 1st 1869

Begins with moderate breezes from the E.N.E. and fine weather but a little cloudy. Still good seeing – Several sail in sight and one finback – Water blue and clear some tallow Drops and Gulf Weed. Ship cruising on different tacks at 11 A.M. saw White Water – left ship for it – Saw it once again and called it a finback bottom – in the P.M. saw several finbacks – at night under moderate sail steering N.N.E. per compass for the Gulf Stream.

Lat. at Merd. 31°.34
Long by chro. 72.46

Friday March April 2nd 1869

Begins with strong gales from S.W. and hazy weather. Lost ~~by the wind~~ heating steering N per compass – with fresh breeze and hazy sail in sight this A.M. – also one school of porpoises – water curled about ship found today that the flying jibb boom was sprung, and meant to put under the band – Set Carpenter to work fishing it

Lat. at Merd. 33°.21
Long by chro. 71.56

Friday April 9th 1869

Begins with strong gales from the N.E. and cloudy weather — Ship steering E by S & E, with all prudent sail out — Nothing in sight all day but one school of porpoises and a few Portuguese Men of War.

Lat. at Merd. 37.54
Long. by Chro. 67.40

Saturday April 10th 1869

Begins with strong gales from the E.N.E. and cloudy weather — Ship steering E by S & E with whole topsails and courses — all day water green in the N.W. very smooth — Saw in the A.M. porpoises in the N.W. two or three finbacks

Lat. at Merd. 38.07
Long. by Chro. 64.50

Sunday April 11th 1869

Begins with strong gales from the E.N.E. and very rugged and cloudy weather — Ship by the wind to the E.N.E. under lower topsails — water quite clear and blue nothing in it whatever — Saw one school of porpoises — One sail also in sight steering by the wind to the E.N.E. no birds today

Lat. at Merd. 39.21
Long. by Chro. 64.15

Green Water
All Day

Monday April 11th 1869

Begins with a gale from the E.S.E. and rain. Ship by the wind under lower main topsail and stagsails — Nothing in sight all day but a few birds — Saw one long tailed one — Water blue and clear in the P.M. clears up a little — Set fore topsail and maintopmast stagsail — wind hauling to the S.E. at sunset. Still a gale and cloudy weather

Lat. at Merid. 29.58

By Double Altitude Long by Chro. 64.36

Tuesday April 12th 1869

Begins with a gale of wind and rain from the E. being rough bad weather — Ship by the wind lying too under lower main topsail and fore and mizzen staysails — in P.M. somewhat more moderate — Set fore topsail and main topmast stagsail — Nothing in sight all day. — Ship heading to the North and E. all day.

No lat. or long.

Wednesday April 14th 1869

All this day strong gales from the N and squally weather with rain and hail — Ship standing to the E all day — One sail in sight steering to the W.— Water blue and clear — Saw several birds one or two long tailed ones — In the PM set fore topsail being a little more moderate but still an occasional squall of rain and hail

Lat. at Mered. 39.57 N
Long. by Chro. 64.10 W.

Thursday April 15th 1869

All this day a gale of wind and rain from the N and N.E. and heavy squalls of hail and snow, — Ship by the wind lying too under lower maintopsail heading up E & N.E. for compass — Water blue and clear nothing in it — Saw several birds one long tailed one that remained around us nearly all day — Saw one sail also steering to the South — nothing more in sight all day — Looks dry about here — Not a Blackfish and Porpoise or Porpoise to be seen — no sungells, Stormsails or Mallow Drops in the water.

Lat by Dead Recks. 39.21
Long by Chro. 62.31

Friday April 16th 1869

All this day a gale of wind from the E & and clear weather — Ship lay the with nothing but lower maintopsail out, heading up E.S.E. per compass — Nothing in sight all day but three or four Gulls In the P.M. drifting into Green Water at night little moderate — Set fore top sail and main top mast stay sail

Lat. at Mend 38.59
Long by Chro. 61.52

Saturday April 17th 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the E.N.E. and overcast — Ship by the wind to the N. with all sail out — All the A.M. Ship running through Green Water being slick and apparently covered with oil — Saw Five schools of Porpoises in the A.M. but no birds In the P.M. water some green but no slicks on it — Only one or two birds seen today — nothing in the water — Lovely Day! wind hauling to the N.

Lat. at Mend, 39.47 N.
Long by Chro, 60.07 W.

Thursday April 22nd 1869

Begins with fine weather from the W. and cloudy weather — Ship to the wind head in to the S. S. W. with full pendent sail set — Slow two or three sail steering E. the E. S. E. — Raining by spells most all day

No Obs.

Fryday April 23rd 1869

Begins with a gale of wind from the S. W. — heavy squalls of rain and a heavy cross sea on — Ship by the wind lying to under lower main-topsail and storm staysail heading up N. & N. — Water quite green — made some sail and steered to the Lifer compass until 12 AM. then being in deep water luffed to the wind to the S. W. and shortened sail — saw one sail steering E. several Portuguese man of war and three or four long tailed birds all this day

Lat at Noon, 38.20
Long by Ches. 57.00

Temp. of Air 76
" " Water 75

Barom, 29 9/15

Saturday April 24th 1869

Begins with a gale of wind from the S.E. and some squalls of rain and an angry sea on from the S.W. being overcast. at daylight kept Ship P.S.W. per compass and made all prudent sail wind veering round gradually to the S.E. — Saw one sail in the morning steering to the S.E. — Nothing else in sight all day — no birds porpoises Blackfish or anything else. at least Calm, — Water all day very Green

Lat at Mer d 38.12
Long by Chro, 57.20

Baro, 30.3

Sunday April 25th 1869

Begins with strong breezes from the S.W. and cloudy weather Ship to the wind heading S.E. by S. being calm nearly all night — in the morning made all prudent sail and steered S.E. per compass being in green water at 9 got out of it — Saw Porpoises a few Portugese man of war — Rec large fore sail and two sail all this day. One sail steering E the other S.E. by — all the P.M. in clear blue water — short chopping sea with little rolls

Lat at Mer d 37.44
Long by Chro, 57.00

Baro 30

Monday April 26th 1864

Begins with a heavy gale of wind from S.W. and squalls of rain, — ship lying to under lower main topsail and storm stay-sails heading up S.S.E. — At 10 A.M. wind changed suddenly to the W. blowing heavy somewhat cloudy but seen shining out bright at times — At 1 P.M. Hoist ship up S.S.E. under easy sails — One sail in sight steering S.W. — water blue and clear with a few Foreign men of wars

Lat at Meridian 37°.32'
Long by Chro. 56.40

Tuesday April 27th 1864

Begins with a gale from the S.W. and clear weather but a short heavy chopping sea on — Ship steering S.E. lee topsail sheets all forward sail set — Nothing in sight all clear but two finbacks and one or two tropicbirds — water blue and clear but nothing in it — in the P.M. comes up squalls

Air 66 Lat at Meridian 35°.5'
Water 66 Long by Chro. 54.17
Barom. 29.99/100

Wednesday April 27th 1864

Begins with moderate breezes from the N. and fair weather — Ship by the wind heading S by compass with all sail set water green nearly all the Afternoon, in the P.M. water blue and clear — saw two Humpbacks lowered three boats but saw them no more afterwards saw two others — also saw one sail steering E. exchanging signals with her — all Humpbacks going to the S and E. at sunset took in sail for the night —

Lat. at noon 34 52

Long by chro 53.30

Long by obsv 49 40

from Madrid

Air 68

Water 67

Barom. 29 92/100

Thursday April 28th 1864

Begins with light breezes from the N.W. and cloudy weather — Ship by the wind to the S.S.E. with all sail set — nothing in sight all day — Water blue and clear

Everything appears very dry — not a living thing to be seen — Never tried fish or Porpoise — Now and then a little floating weed

Air 67

Water 68

Lat at noon 34.15

Long by chro 52.46

Barom. 29 86/100

Friday April 30th 1869

Begins with fine weather and a moderate breze from the S — Ship has the wind to the E of E with all sails set cruising

Good weather! Good seeing! But nothing in sight but Sulphur Bottoms! Saw three or four of them and one or two longtailed birds that were going quite close to — Water blue and clear all day — with but little Gulf Weed

Lat at Merd 33.34
Long by Chro. 37.15

Barom, 29.70

Saturday May 1st 1869

Begins with strong breezes from the W and overcast, and looking much like a storm. the wind hauling gradually to the N.W. — Ship steering S E and S under whole topsails — Water very blue and clear with considerable Gulf Weed — Saw one longtailed bird bound off to the N. — In the P.M. saw one or two humpbacks and one Sulphur Bottom all going N. — Saw and exchanged Lat, with a Russian Brig — name and destination unknown — at Dusk shortened sail Ship by the wind to the N E

Lat at Merd 32.49
Long by Chro 50.20
50.46

By Russian Brig " "

Sunday May 2nd 1869

Begins with strong breezes from the S.W. and overcast — Ship in the A.M. steering S.E. in P.M. S. per compass with all prudent sail set — Lead good seeing all day but nothing in sight — Water Blue and clear — With little Gulf weed

— Lat at Merd 32.59
Long by Chro. 49.54

Tuesday May 3rd 1869

Begins with a strong gale of wind from the S.W. and overcast — Ship by the wind heading S.S.E. under easy sail Water Blue and clear but nothing in it In A.M. saw nothing In P.M. saw one Sulphur Bottom and a school of porpoises — Gave in the P.M. in the evening hailing — Nothing more in sight

— Lat at Merd 34.34
Long by Chro 49.43

Tuesday May 4th 1869

Begins with strong breezes from the W. and cloudy weather, but quite good sea — saw a ship to the W. to the N and N.W. with all sail out. — Saw one sail working to the W. — nothing more in sight all day. Water blue and clear and had little bulk weed

Lat at Merid, 35.08
Long by Chro, 48.48

Wednesday May 5th 1869

Begins with a gale of wind from the N.W. and cloudy weather and hove seeing — Ship by the wind to the N and N.W. with all, fore and aft sail out. — Water changing to a greenish hue — saw several long tailed birds and many Porpoises, man of war also one sail steering to the S. E. and one working to the W. — nothing more in sight all day

Lat at Merid 36 27
Long by Chro, 50.48

Thursday May 6th 1869

Begins with a gale of wind from the W. N.W. and squally weather — Ship by the wind heading up N under lower main-topsail and foretopmast and mizzen stu-sails — all A.M., water quite green saw several flocks of longtailed birds, and many Portuguese man of war both large and small P.M. the P.M. water quite blue — at night blowing a gale with as heavy sea running from the W. — Took up boats and made ready for a blow.

Lat at Merd 39°.10
Long by Chro 49.49

Friday May 7th 1869

Begins with strong gales from the N.W. and cloudy weather with some squalls — Ship by the W to the N. with whole topsails on — Saw one sail steering to the E.S.E. — Saw also several flocks of birds — in the A.M. water quite green — in P.M. quite blue at sunset more moderate — standing to the S.E.

Air — 63° — Lat, at Merd, 39°.36 N
Water — 65 — Long by Chro 50.58 W
Barom, 29 10/15

Saturday May 8th 1869

Comes in with calm weather and shaved several birds around the ship — water in the calm somewhat green with tattow Drops and Portegese man of war both ~~and~~ large and small — at 12 M saw a school of Blackfish — also saw white water caused by a Humpback — at 1 P.M. lowered the three boats and shaved the Humpback but can into a school of Blackfish and struck 6 Two to each boat and saved only two one to each of Starb. and West Boats — Saw Two finbacks going to the S.

Lat at Merd. 39°.56
Barom. 29.85 Ths and falling Long by chro. 51.05

Sunday May 9th 1869

Begins with strong Breezes from the N.E. & N. and cloudy weather but great seeing Ship cruising with all sail set to the S. the water blue and clear — no birds and only a few Portegese Man of war — Saw One sail steering E. S. E. at 12 M steered off her course till 2 P.M. then steered S. E. and he the wind that hauling to the S. — at 5 P.M. saw Three Sulphur bottom — water of a dark green with considerable many Man of war

Lat at Mered 38°.16
Long by chro 51.15

Monday May 10th 1869

Begins with strong gales from S.W. and rainy weather, Ship by the wind to the S.E. all night under easy sail at 7½ saw several large breaches nearly ahead. — Soon saw them spout and made them out Sperm Whales going quite to the windward made all sail in chase but of no use as they went out of sight to the windward — saw a number and called them quite large, — Carried sail all day working up saw several finbacks and Sulphur Bottoms,

Tuesday May 11th 1869

Begins with a gale from S.W. and rainy weather with rain — Ship by the wind to the S. with all present sail out, on different tacks cruising — saw several finbacks and Sulphur Bottoms — So Fine cruising to the the S. all P.M. strong gales with heavy squalls — saw a large breach — called it a Sperm Whale but being to the windward could not get up to it at 6 Spoke Bk Addison Cornell New York, nineteen days from New Bedford, that had lost one boat and all its crew in a gale of wind a few days previous

Lat. 38.26 Long 48.42 Long by Ad. 48.40

Spoke Bk Addison

Sperm Whales

Wednesday May 12th 1869

Begins with Strong N. breezes from the W. N.W. and clear weather — Ship by the wind with all fresh sail out, — Bk Addison in sight — at 10 commenced a gamm, — hoiled out the two Black fish they making about two Bbls.

With Ship all day steering to the N.W. under easy sail — at sunset broke up the gamm, — saw throughout the day One or two Grimacks and two sail.

Lat at Mered 38 0
Long by Chro 48.40
by B.R. Add, 48.33

Thursday May 13th 1869

Begins with Strong Gales from N.W. and clear weather — Ship steering different courses but working to the E — water blue with large quantities of Portuguese man of war, and saw a number of long tailed birds — nothing else in sight all day — in the P.M. steering S.E. per compass — blowing strong — at sunset overcast

Lat at Mered 37 39
Long by Chro 48.30

Friday May 14th 1869

Begins with moderate breezes from the N.W. and fine weather. Ship steering S.E. by E. with all sail out. Nothing in sight all day — water mostly blue with a plenty of Portuguese Man of War — nothing more — Moderate breezes all day

Lat at Merd. 38°.22
Long by Chro. 47.50

Saturday May 15th 1869

Begins with light breezes from the S.W. and quite fine weather — Ship ~~to the~~ steering S.E. by E. and E. with all possible sail out — water alternately blue and green — Saw several birds through the day — both tang-tailed and gonets — considerable many Portuguese man of waars mostly small — and two sail both steering to the E. also saw one Sulphur Bottom — Birds going mostly ~~to the~~ S.E.

Lat at Merd. 38.58
Long by Chro. 46.42
Baram 30 2/10

Sunday May 16th 1869

Begins with light winds from the W and fine pleasant weather — Ship steering E by E compass with all sail out. water very green all day — saw several tow tailed birds — Plenty small Portuguese Man of war and three sail in sight all steering E — Also saw several finbacks — in the night saw porpoises

Lat. at Merd. 39.03
Long by Chro. 44.46

Monday May 17th 1869

Comes in with light breezes from the W and overcast but still good seeing — Ship steering E up to 1 PM then E by S. all two sail in sight steering E — saw several finbacks today — some birds going to the N E — water of a dark blue — very few Portuguese Man of war — overcast all day with one or two light showers of rain

Lat. at Merd. 40 00
Long by Chro. 43.42

Tuesday May 18th 1869

Begins with light baffling winds from the W.S.W. and clouds weather. Ship steering E.S.E. E with all present sail out, one sail in sight astern steering to the E. — In the A.M. saw one one finback — Water rather blue with a number of Portugese man of war — a few birds also. In the P.M. water of a dark blue. Plenty of Portugese man of war. — Tallow-boys and some Pond Weed at night shortened sail to lower topsails

Lat. at Mend. 40.36
Long by Lobro. 40.52

Wednesday May 19th 1869

Begins with a strong breeze from the S.W. and cloudy weather with much smoke being thick and low seeing. Out two sail in sight both steering to the E. —

Ship made all sail in the morn, and steered E.S.E. at 8½ saw several breaches to the leward — kept ship off for them but saw them no more — ran until 12 M. then luffed to the wind — called them Sperm Whales — Saw several finbacks — and at 2 P.M. saw white water several times — Ran for them saw them no more

Lat 40.30 Long 39.36

Saw Whales Breaching
Called them Sperm

Thursday May 20th 1869

Begins with light winds from the W.N.W. and fine clear weather — Ship steering by the wind to the S.E. with all sail out — water changeable from green to blue and from blue to green — Saw several birds but going to the S.E. — Some large and some small Porpoise Man of War also one sail in sight in the S.W. at 12 M. Kept ship E and S.E. — saw several finbacks in the P.M.

Lat at Mered. 40.14
Long by Lekro. 38.54

Friday May 21st 1869

Begins with a gale of wind and rain from the N.W. — Ship by the wind to the S and E, a part of the A.M. and a part of the time steering E S E per compass — in the A.M. saw several finbacks and one sail — one school of porpoises — Struck one but lost him — Water alternate blue and green — In the P.M. that was steering E S E — saw porpoises Struck 2d but lost him — Saw several finbacks — all the P.M. cloudy weather and sail in sight

Lat 40.08 Long 37.23

Saturday Mornin 22nd 1869

Begins with light airs from the W.S.W. and hazy weather — Steering E.S.E. with all sail out. Water green nearly all day, but only a short time in the day. Several birds going E.N.E. — but no Porpoise Man of War. — Saw one P.M. Saw White Water — Run for it but saw it no more — Saw two Humpbacks going quick to the N.E. at night Shortened sail

Lat at noon 39.40
Long by Chro. 35.50

Monday May 23rd 1869

Begins with light airs from W.S.W. and hazy. Ship to the good heading to the S.E. and steering off E.N.E. per compass. — Water blue and clear all day with lots of small Porpoise. Saw one or two a few Sea-Tailed birds and they going to the S.E. — nothing more in sight all day.

Lat. at noon 40.06
Long by Chro. 31.00

Caught 6 Porpoises

Monday May 24th 1869

Begins with moderate breeze from the W N.W. and somewhat foggy — Ship to steering E. the C.V. water alternately blue and green — saw considerable many small Portugue man of war, at 8 A.M. spoke an English Bark 35 days from Cadiz for Boston with Salt — forwarded letters to sea, — saw porpoises and saw hunting Boats, going quick to the E.N.E. — ship steering then until 12 M. in P.M. saw Two schools porpoises — caught six — ship steering E.N.E.

Lat at Meridian 40.36
Long by Chro 34.45
Long by E. Bk. 35.00

Tuesday May 25th 1869

Begins with light baffling winds from the W.N.W. and rather foggy weather — Ship steering N. and E.N.E. all day — saw several schools of porpoises and caught one — saw several finbacks — also Portugue man of war quite plenty — nothing more in sight

Lat at Merid 41.14
Long by Chro 34.19

Wednesday May 26th 1869

Comes in with strong gales from the S.W. and overcast with fog. — Ship steering N.E. under easy sail — at 7 more Ship steering S.E. per compass a day. — being foggy nearly all day — saw porpoises and one finback and two or three schools of grampuses — Ship steering for Azores.

Lat at Meridian 41.10
Long by Log 33.10

Thursday May 27th 1869

Begins with light baffling airs from the S.W. and foggy weather — at 4 a.M. hauled ship off the S.E. with all hands and sail on — at 6 wind changed sixteen to S.E. — On the 8 A.M. chanced to S.E. ship by the wind to the S.S.W. at 10 stopped ship heading S.E. by the compass. — One point in wind to the wind to the N.E. — in the P.M. saw porpoises and a large school of small fish — wind light and baffling from the S.S.E. ship coming in to S.E. and E.S.E. — two sails in sight

Lat. at Merid 40 07
Long by Log 32.45

Friday May 28th 1869

Comes in with light airs from the S. and thick foggy weather — all night light airs and veins of fog — occasionally lifting of through the P.M. Shift by the wind with all sail out steering S.E. Flores saw several sail in the P.M. all steering E. N.E. — In the P.M. more clear. at 2 saw the Isle of Corvo bearing S.E. by S. per compass Dist 25 miles at 3 saw Flores — winds light — In A.M. water blue and clear In P.M. water rather green with some Man of War.

Lat at Meri 4000
Long by Chro 31.10
P.D.

Saturday May 29th 1869

Comes in with light & baffling airs from the S and W. Shift off Flores went on shore and obtained 76 Bush. of P. potatoes 1 small butterk and a few eggs. &c and got all on board at Sundown — paid for the prof potatoes &c in Black fish Oil — Oil at 75 c. per gal, at night kept Shift off for Fayal,

Sunday May 20th 1864

Comes in with light airs and calms and fine pleasant weather. Ship towed under the lee of Flores — at 8 A.M. took a breeze from the S.W. — Ship steering for Fayal — at 10 A.M. lost sight of Flores, and at 2 P.M. raised Fayal, — Working down for the S side all night wind easing to the W and E.

Monday May 21st 1864

Comes in with light airs variable winds from the S. E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship off the W end of Fayal trying to work up for the S passage but with a head wind and strong current against us the fit ship off to the E. — at 10 A.M. left the ship with a boat's crew for the shore — Saw two sail a bark standing in on the South side of the island and a whaleing schooner to the leeward — at 2½ P.M. boat arrived on shore — Boat remained and at night sent the boat on board again So Ends with light airs and fine pleasant weather

Tuesday June 1st 1869

Comes in with light baffling airs from the S and 1P and fine pleasant weather, — Ship working up after passage from the S at Fayal, — at Fayal P.R. Thomas Frazier — Cardwell, E.V.B. 19 months out, 2350 Bbls Sperm Oil obtained 100 Cabbages. 4000 onions. from the shore and other recruits — at night went on board and worked up to the south for the purpose of going to Pico for a 2d mate, — all night light baffling airs

Wednesday June 2d 1869

Comes in with light baffling winds from the S. and fine pleasant weather Ship working down the South side of Pico for a landing place called Lajesan to obtain a man for 2d mate at 1 P.M. left the Ship for the shore and landed at 4 saw and agreed with Alex el Sylvia to go as 2d mate and Ship keeper. To go on board in the P.M. tomorrow — all night lying off and on with light baffling winds and fine weath-

Thursday June 3rd 1869

Commences with light baffling winds from the W & N.W. and fine weather

Chief Cruising off San Juan waiting for Frank Silva — Saw plenty of Porpoises & at 2 P.M. saw Four Humpbacks — Lowered and chased them with two boats. Followed them in up to the breakers — at 4 P.M. boat went in for Frank Silva He came on board at sunset with his clothes — Made agreement with him to go for the season for the 1/42 lay — Advanced him Cash $40.80 and 1 Box Tobacco 122 lbs @ 40 c — 48.80 c.

all night light baffling winds and squally weather

Friday June 4th

Commences with moderate breezes from the W and S.W. and somewhat hazy weather — Chief Steering off to the N and E with all sail out — Saw plenty porpoises and saw or three sword fish — bombed one — he went down and we saw him no more

at sunset off W end of Gerrein — wind out to the N. and cloudy weather

Saturday June 5th

Comes in with light baffling winds from the N.W. S.W. and cloudy weather. Ship steering E.N.E. by E.N. with all sail out for the Horses ground. Saw in the P.M. plenty of porpoises and several birds. Also a few Sungalls. Water blue and clear. Several finbacks in sight

Lat at Mert. 39 30
Long by Chro. 27 37
P.B.

Sunday June 6th 1869

Comes in with light baffling winds from the S.W. and S. with moderate rain ship steering E.N.E. for Corvoras with all sail out. Nothing in sight. At 10 A.M. clears off and calm. One sail in sight steering to the E. At 12 took a light breeze from the E. and the P.M. gave a steady breeze but veering to the W. The sail in sight is to the and steering E.N.E. under easy sail and we call it a Whaler. Saw to-day considerable many porpoises and a few birds and a very few Sungals. Water very blue and clear, and good indications for whales

No Obs.

Monday June 7th 1869

Commences in with light baffling winds from the S and E and cloudy weather Ship steering E N E, per compass with all sail out Saw sundrys and plenty small Portuguese Man of War, — water changeable from Green to blue and from blue to Green.

Lat, at Meard 40.36
Long by Chro, 25.55

Sperm Whales
Sixth Boat to Starb'd & One to Starb'd Boat

Tuesday June 8th 1869

Commences in with light baffling winds from the S & E and hazy weather Ship steering E N E per compass with all sail out. — At 5 A.M. raised a school of Sperm Whales going about E very quick — lowered all three boats and chased, soon after lowering raised another school going E N E slow. Twist boat went on and missed, soon after Starb. boat went on and fastened killed the whale with the iron — soon after Starb boat struck, — lines got foul and Mr B's line parted and lost the the whale — Mr B, struck and drawed — Starb boat struck again and saved the whale towed both cows to the ship and cut them in

Computed Lat. 43 30 Long 25.50

Wednesday June 9th 1869

Comes in with strong gales from the S. E and squally weather Ship by the wind to the S. E under close reefed top sails and the main and storm stuysails at 6 A.M. started the works and commenced boiling — set the foresail — One sail in sight steering to the E. S. E. — water blue and clear saw one whale could not make it out.

Lat at Merd. 44.00
Long by Chro. 25.37

Thursday June 10th 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S. E and overcast. Ship all the A.M. heading to the S. and E. with all fresh sail out and boiling at 10 A.M. a steamer passed us steering W being English and hermaphrodite rigged — nothing more in sight In the P.M. saw two schools of porpoises — wind hauling to the E. — Ship heading S. S. E. with whole topsails on — finished boiling the two whales making 35 Bbls

Lat at Merd 44.04
Long. by Chro. 25.52

Friday June 11th 1869

Comes in with strong gales from E & N E and cloudy weather and squalls of fog and rain Ship by the wind to the N under easy sail all hands employed in stowing down oil in the after hold — stowed Bij casks about thirty five Bbls. — in P.M. washed ship — nothing in sight all day but porpoises saw several schools of them

Lat at Merd 43.54 N
Long by Chro. 25.56 W.

Saturday June 12th 1869

Comes in with light baffling winds from the N E and cloudy weather Ship by the wind to the N and N by W. with all sail out. — saw several sail knocking to the E. also several fin backs and several schools of porpoises in sight all going to the E all day the water being green with but a few toadstools and occasionally a Portegue, Man of War, — saw also two Sunfish

Lat at Merd, 44.55
Long by Chro. 26.27

Sunday June 13th 1869

Comes in with light baffling winds from the N.E. and hazy weather — Ship by the wind to the E.S.E with all Sail out, — Saw several seal working to the E. — water blue and clear. — Saw several finbacks all going to the N.E. — No porpoises or Birds seen today

Lat. 45.14
Long 25.52

Monday June 14th 1869

All day a perfect calm — One sail in sight — Saw a number of Toad Stools — Water blue and clear — employed in repairing upper main topsail and doing other necessary jobs about Ship

Lat. 45.24
Long 26.09

Tuesday June 15th 1869

All this day light baffling airs from the N and N.E. and calms. — Ship working to the N.E. with all sail out, but upper fore topsail which is being repaired in the L.M. — Two sail in sight one making a large smoke. — Saw porpoises and cowfish — water blue with plenty small Toadstools Lat. 45-34 Long 25-52

Wednesday June 16th 1869
Comes in with light baffling airs from the S. and calms, and cloudy weather but good seeing — saw a plenty of porpoises all through the day water quite blue and but a few Wood stocks. — One sail in sight being a Dutch Man of War, at 5 spoke her by sending a boat on board — learned her to be from Java 80 days bound to South Hampton — forwarded a letter by her to Mrs. G B Barden

Lat at Merd 45.44
Long by Chro, 25.34
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Thursday June 17th 1869
All day light baffling airs from the S. and E, and calms with fine pleasant weather — Ship steering N E by E, with all sail out, — In the afn water quite blue with some Yellow Drafts and a plenty of porpoises around all day, — Three sail in sight all working to the E — also saw a school of Grampuses, Two albecore and a Shark,

Lat. at Merd 46.19
Long by Chro, 25.22

Friday June 18th 1869

Comes in with light baffling airs from the S and S.W and calms. — Ship steering N.E by E per compass with all sail but fore Royal and sail out. Water all day very green — Saw six sail and all but one steering to the E, one working W. — Saw plenty of porpoises and caught one. — Saw the Sheltham Bottom lowered and chased him with all three boats, but could not get near him. — Saw several pieces of spirit — Plenty of Tallow Drops in the water

Lat at Noon 46.51 N
Long by Chro, 25.22 W

Saturday June 19th 1869

All day light baffling winds from the S.W and fine weather but somewhat cloudy — Ship steering N.E by E with all sail out fore topgallant sail out in the morn. Saw plenty of porpoises all day. Shaped sail — all steering to the N.E. In the P.M. hoisted up and took on board a stick of White Pine timber 40 ft in length and 16 in square — all day water green and clear.

Lat, at Noon 47.29
Long by Chro 24.57

Sunday June 20th 1869

All day light baffling airs from the S.W. and fine pleasant weather — saw several sail in sight all steering to the E. Water all day quite blue and clear with a few Dead Stools in it. — at 12 spoke a Dutch brig from Surinam for England with Sugar — at 1½ saw Blackfish — lowered and chased with all three boats — Took four — 2 to Starb. and One to each of the other boats — also caught a porpoise making 16 that we have taken since the 25th of May. In the P.M. saw plenty of porpoises

Lat at Noon 47°.8
Long. by Chro. 23.56
by Dutch Brig 24.30

Monday June 21st 1869

All this day light baffling airs from the N.W. and hazy weather — In the A.M. Shift steering E.N.E. per compass with all sail out — Saw one Steamboat and One school of porpoises — Several sail also in sight all steering to the E. Water blue and clear. In the P.M. steering S. saw a whale breathing could not make it out. Saw a Steamboat hoisted up a topsailyard of a vessel of 300 tons — saw several smoke

Lat 47°.20 Long 20.30

Tuesday June 22nd 1869

All these 24 hours light baffling airs from the E. S. E. and fine pleasant weather ship by the wind to the S and W at the 4th P.M. and to the E. N. E. in the P.M. saw green weed in abundance — also porpoises and several flocks of birds — at 1 P.M. lowered and pursued with all three boats a finback cow and calf — took them for Humpback, — at 4 saw Blackfish going west to the E. — lowered and chased with all three boats — got one to their boat. — Passed us Steamer Berlin of Bremen, bound W with passengers.

Lat at Meid 48°.20
Long by Chro. 23.24

Wednesday June 23rd 1869

All day moderate breezes from the south and cloudy weather with some rain, and mist toward night. Ship cruising to the E and N. E. — Several sail in sight all steering to the but one Steamer in the morn. bound W. — Saw two schools of Blackfish several finbacks and Sulphur Bottoms and several schools of Grampuses. Saw one sail looking much like a whaler — Also green weed all day.

Lat by obs. 48.30 Long 22.30

Thursday June 24th 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from the South and cloudy weather. Ship by the wind heading S. E. per compass at 6 A.M. raised a whale breaching — ran for it and found it to be a Humpback. Steering E. & N. E. until 10 A.M. then wore ship heading W. Strong breezes and cloudy weather and looking like rain. Saw several sail steering to the E. exchanged Long. with a French Bark Mes Long, being 45 miles farther W than ours

Lat at Merd 49.15
Long by Chro. 21.20
By French BR. Fris Time 24.25

Friday June 25th 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from W. S. S. W and cloudy weather. Ship by the wind heading S. W. per compass, with all prudent sail set. — Several sail in sight bound to the E. — in the P.M. wind hauling gradually to the E. — Steering S. W. — Saw one or two finbacks, — two school of porpoises, and a school of grampuses — caught a porpoise

Lat. at Merd. 48.45 N
Long by Chro. 22.32 W.

Saturday June 26th 1869

All these 24 hours moderate winds from the E and fine pleasant weather. Ship steering various courses but working to the S.W. Cruising — saw two sail both working to the E — saw porpoises several times and caught one — saw finbacks and Sulphur Bottoms

Lat at Merd 48°.09 N
Long by Chro 22.47 W

Sunday June 27th 1869

Comes in with light airs from the S.E. and fine pleasant weather — Ship working to S.W. and S.E. per compass, cruising — saw porpoises, finbacks and Sulphur Bottoms. — Water blue and clear and nothing in it.

Lat at Merd 48.34
Long by Chro 23.46

Monday June 28th 1869

Comes in with light winds from the E and fine weather, — Ship by the wind cruising to the E.S.E. — saw finbacks and several schools of porpoises and one sail at 12 m. tacked Ship standing to the S.S.W. — saw plenty of porpoises in the P.M. one Humpback, one or two finbacks and a school of Grampuses

Lat. 49.18 Long 23.10

In the P.M. saw Yellow Drake and a small Sulphur Bottom

Tuesday June 29th 1869
Comes in with fresh breezes from the E, S, E and S. E, with fine pleas-ant weather — Ship by the wind to the S and S S W with all prudent sail out, — several sail in sight steering to the E — saw plenty of porpoises — Water of a dark blue with some small load-stools — some Tallow Drops &c

Lat. at Merd. 49.16
Long by Chro. 22.51

Wednesday June 30th 1869
Comes in with strong breezes from the S. E, and cloudy weather — Ship by the wind with all prudent sail out, To the S W and S S W, with the view of going to the Sitka Kir-Ords Ground — Water rather green all day saw one school of porpoises and grampuses — at night wind veered round to the South with rain — saw one sail steering to the W. — nothing more in sight all day

Lat. at Merd. 47 25
Long by Chro. 24.07

Thursday July 1st 1869

Comes in with a gale of wind from the S.S.W. and thick cloudy weather — ship by the wind heading W. with all prudent sail set wind moderating good — will to the W. — at 10 A.M. more stiff heading S.S.W. per compass, saw porpoises — some birds, and one sail — Water rather green all day

Lat at Merd. 46 48
Long by Chro. 25.34

Friday July 2nd 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the South and cloudy weather — Ship by the wind heading S.E. by S. with all sail but fore-topgallt sail set, — water changeable — saw porpoises and finbacks — at 11 A.M. tacked ship heading W. — in the P.M. saw Sulphur Bottoms and finbacks — water blue and tideripps

Lat at Merd. 46.10 N
Long by Chro, 24.18 W

Saturday July 3rd 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from the N.W. and cloudy weather. Ship steering S.W. per compass with all prudent sail out. — Nothing in sight — at 10 clear fine weather wind hauling gradually to the S.W. all P.M. wind hauling at 5 tacked ship heading W. at 6 tacked again wind having changed suddenly to the N.W. — saw porpoises and finbacks — all night steering S.W. under easy sail

Lat at Merd. 45° 41'
Long by Chro. 24° 32'

Sunday July 4th

Comes in with fresh breezes from the N.W. and cloudy weather. Ship steering S.W. with all prudent sail out. — Nothing in sight all the A.M. At 12 wind W. Ship heading S.S.W. with all sail set but foretopgalt.-sail — winds variable — Ship on opposite tacks — nothing in sight all the P.M.

Lat at Merd 44° 47'
Long by Chro. 24° 32'

Monday July 5th 1869

Comes in with light baffling winds from the W and S.W. being changeable and foggy weather. — Ship by the wind heading to the N and W. with all sail but the fore-topgallant sail out. — In the P.M. wind more to the W. Ship standing to the S. and six tacked again to the E.N.E. — Nothing in sight all day but One finback.

Lat at Merd 43.52
Long by Lect. 24.30

Tuesday July 6th 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from the N.W. and S.W. and thick weather looking much like rain. Ship by the wind on different tacks working to the N.W. with all prudent sail out. — Nothing in sight but finback.

Lat at Merd. 43.40
Long by Lecto. 25.07

Wednesday July 7th 1869

Comes in with a gale of wind and rain from the N.W. and thick bad weather. Ship lying to under easy sail, in the A.M. heading to the N. and N.N.W. in the P.M. to the N.E. and S.W.

Lat. 44.30
Long 23.29

Thursday July 8th 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S.W. and hazy weather. — Ship by the wind to the S.W. with all sail out at 10 A.M. Calm — Nothing in sight all day. — Water very blue. — with Gallow Drops and several dead snakes and some jellies. — Two sail in sight — One bound E. the other W. Nothing more in sight all day

Lat. at Merd 43.58
Long by Chro. 25.39

Friday July 9th 1869

Comes in with a gale of wind from the S.W. and thick hazy weather. — Ship by the wind on different tacks working to the W with all present sail out. — nothing in sight all day

Lat. at Merd. 43°.40'
Long. by Chro. 28.00

Saturday July 10th 1869

All these 24 hours blowing a gale from the W and S.W. and thick weather with rain. Ship working to the W with all present sail out. — Water green all day — nothing in sight but one finback

No Obs.

Sunday July 11th 1869

Comes in with light baffling winds from the W and N.W. and cloudy weather looking much like rain. Shift to the wind heading to the S and W. with all sail set. at 10 A.M. wind hauled to the N. with fine weather. Remainder of the day light airs and calm nothing in sight all day

Lat at Merd 43.22
Long by Chro 29.50

Monday July 12th 1869

Comes in with light baffling airs from the E, and calm with fine pleasant weather. Shift & steering W. & N.W. per compass with all sail set. One sail in sight steering to the W. nothing more in sight all day.

Lat at Merd 43.15
Long by Chro. 30.00

Monday July 13th 1869

Comes in with light baffling airs from the E and calms and fine pleasant weather — Ship working to the W, S, W, with all prudent sail out cruising — Saw one finback — One school of porpoises and two seal, one of them being the same as we sight yesterday and working to the W. — The other working to the E — Water blue and clear with a few jellies.

Lat at Mered 43.06
Long by Chro. 30.51

Tuesday July 14th 1869

Comes in with light baffling airs from the S and E and fine pleasant weather Ship working to the W with all sail out. — Saw one seal working to the W, and two working to the E — Saw two schools of porpoises — One school of Grampuses and one or two finbacks — Water blue with considerable many tallow Drops jelies, small Toad stools &c Watch employed in cleaning iron work about ship and painting

Lat. 43 20
Long 30.59

Thursday July 15th 1869

Comes in with light airs from the S W and fine pleasant weather. Ship to the wind to the N and W with all sail out. Watch employed in cleaning the rust from and painting the iron work in and about the ship. Four sail in sight in the A.M. — in the P.M. several schools of porpoises, at 6 saw spouts or small white water some distance off. Took them to be sperm Whales at first — but proved that they were not. — at sunset fresh breezes from S.W. and cloudy.

Lat at Mered 43.30
Long by Chro. 32.37

Friday July 16th 1869

Comes in with light airs from the N and W. Have been nothing in sight but one school of porpoises. Ship to the wind on different tacks — watch employed in washing, shifting and doing other work about ship.

Lat at Mered, 43.35
Lat by Chro. 32.42

Saturday July 17th 1869
Comes in with strong gales from S.W. and overcast and poor seeing weather Ship by the wind on different tacks working S to the S — Nothing in sight all day — Watch employed in breaking out for provisions &c

Lat at Merd 42.46
Long by Chro 32.00

Sunday July 18th 1869
Comes in with strong gales and stormy weather and fog — All the night hard rains — Ship by the wind to the S.E. & with all prudent sail out, at 10 A.M. wind changed suddenly to the N.W. — but hint 1 in P.M. ~~and~~ hauled again to the S.W and breezing on — Nothing in sight all day

No Obs.

Monday July 19th 1869
Comes in with strong breezes from the S.W. and overcast with some fog — Ship by the wind to the S and S.E. with all prudent sail out — saw two sail steering to the N and E. — saw One school of porpoises

Lat at Merd 42.06
Long by Chro 31.05

Monday July 20th 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from the W. S. W. and thick foggy weather — Ship by the wind to the S. per compass with all prudent sail out in the A.M. saw two sail steering to the N. E. — nothing more in sight all day — experienced for the last 24 hours a strong current setting N. E. — at 4 P.M. fog clears up — and fine pleasant weather wind shifting to the N. W.

Lat. at Merd. 41.01
Long by Chro. 30.08

Wednesday July 21st

Comes in with light baffling airs from the W. and fine pleasant weather at 6 A.M. calm. — saw the isle of Corvo bearing W. by W. per compass dist 10 miles — at 9 took a light breeze from the S. — Ship by the wind to the W. S. W. at 3 commenced raining at 4 wind changed to the E. — kept ship S. by E. for Fayal — nothing in sight but raining and a strong breeze

Lat. 40 10
Long. 29.32

Thursday July 22nd 1869

Comes in with strong gales from the E and squally weather. Ship by the wind heading S. S. E. per compass with all prudent sail out — at 10 A.M. saw the island of Fayal bearing the W end — Castle Branco — S S. E., Dist by Calc 25 miles — strong breezes all day at 5 P.M. wore ship being within three miles of land between the "Capilenos" and "Castle Branco" — Standing to the N. N. E; off shore

Lat at Meridian 38.40

Long. by Chro. 29.00

Fryday July 23rd 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the E. S. E. and cloudy weather, with some rain squalls — Ship by the wind working to the E, on different tacks — cruising — One sail in sight to the W. — Nothing more in sight all day but the different or several islands of the group — Fayal bearing about 10 miles all day, No Obs,

Saturday July 24th 1869

Comes in with moderate weather and light breezes from the S.W. with some light squalls of rain — Ship cruising off to the N of Fayal and working toward Terceira — at 10 A.M. commenced painting Ship on the outside — all day fine pleasant weather — nothing in sight all day but one steamer coming out from St George, at 4 P.M. finished painting on the outside — At sunset foggy weather — Found Chro. too far E by 15 miles by Obs. taken at 11 A.M.

Sunday July 25th 1869

Comes in with light airs and pleasant weather — Ship cruising between St George and Graciosa with all sail out standing in toward Graciosa — nothing in sight but the several islands of the Group — saw porpoises grampuses and Cowfish — got 12 men on shore at the Fort of Praya on the Island of Graciosa for the purpose of obtaining recruits — but got none on account of their being so very dear

Monday July 26th 1869

Comes in with fine pleasant weather and light airs from the S. E. Ship lying off and on at Port Praya Isle of Bracisa — at 8 A.M. Mr. Silvia went on shore to demand the Bill of Health the authorities refusing to give it me the day before — at 12½ came on board having obtained it — in the P.M. Ship working to the S.W. with all sail out

Tuesday July 27th 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S.E. & fine pleasant weather Ship cruising to the W. of St George all the A.M. at 12 M. stood in for the Harbor of Faial with the view of obtaining recruits and then going W. — at 2 Capt went ash Shore — Ship lying off and on

Wednesday July 28th 1869

Comes in with light airs and fine pleasant weather — Ship lying off and on at Fayal — Capt on shore obtaining permits — at Dusk went on board Ship and stood to the S.W. with light airs from S.W. & all night calm.

Thursday July 29th 1869

Comes in with light airs and calms Ship off to the South side of Fayal being becalmed all day — Watch employed about ship — One sail seen today standing in for Fayal

Fryday July 30th 1869

Comes in with light airs and calms Ship to the S.W. of Fayal working to the W. — employed in painting ship on the inside — One sail in sight steering in for Fayal from the S.W. — nothing more seen today

Lat at Noon 38.32
Long by Chro. 28.30

Saturday July 31st 1869

Comes in with light baffling airs from the S.E. and fine pleasant weather — Ship steering W.S.W. per compass with all sail out all day have seen plenty of Grampuses — breeching out in all directions — also seen plenty of porpoises — Water blue with a plenty of yellow Drops and jellies — but no other signs of Whales — employed in painting ship boats and doing other work about ship

Lat at Mert 38.36
Long by Chro 29.39

Sunday Aug. 1st 1869

Comes in with light baffling airs from the S.E. and fine pleasant weather — Ship steering W.S.W. per compass with all sail set — nothing in sight but Grampuses — at 9 lowered all three boats for a school but saw them no more all the A.M. plenty of them in sight — Water blue and quite clear with but a few yellow Drops in it

Lat at Mert 38 16
Long by Chro 30 29

Monday Aug. 2nd 1869

Comes in with light baffling airs from the N and N.E. and fine pleasant weather — Ship steering W. N.W. with all sail out, — watch employed in painting and doing other work about ship — Water very blue and clear with plenty of Yellow Drops — saw plenty of Grampuses and one or two schools of porpoises and at 4 P.M. saw a school of Blackfish — lowered all three boats and chased without success. — Nothing more in sight all day.

Lat at Merd. 37.58
Long. by Chro. 32.00

Tuesday, Aug. 3rd 1869

Comes in with light airs from the S.W. and fine pleasant weather. Ship by the wind heading to the W.N.W. by W. per compass with all sail out — saw two sail steering to the E.N.E. — Water blue and clear with a very low tide rip — saw several schools of Grampuses and one school of porpoises today

Lat at Merd 38.09
Long by Chro 32.24

Wednesday Aug. 4th 1869

Comes in with fresh breezes from the E. S. and clear weather — Ship by the wind to the W. S. W. with all sail out. — Water blue and clear — saw several schools of Grampuses and three sail all steering to the S W and E. — at 4 P. M. comes in squally with rain & wind hauling to the S. W.

— Lat. at Merd. 38° 28'
Long. by Chro. 34° 41'

Thursday Aug. 5th 1869

Comes in with light variable airs from the S. & E. with fine weather — Ship by the wind cruising to the S and W. — nothing in sight all day but Grampuses — Water blue and clear — no ~~sign~~ signs of Whales or anything else.

— Lat. 38° 58'
— Long. 35° 42'

Friday Aug. 6th 1869

Comes in with fresh breezes from the E. & E. and squally weather and heavy showers of rain — Ship working to windward with all sail out for the Ocean Steed Ground — Several sail in sight — Saw one just at night that we called a whaler, and run for her — Water very blue and clear at my nine bulled to windward of the ship we called a whaler

Lat at Mered 38.35
Long by Chro 37.40

Saturday Aug. 7th 1869

Comes in with light breezes from the E. and quite good weather but occasionally a shower of rain — At 9 A.M. spoke the Bark Spartan Osgood master from C.N.B. 28 days out clean, had seen nothing. At 11 stood W.N.W. per compass — Spartan by the wind to the S and E. — Saw also one sail a merchantman steering to the N. Nothing more in sight all day — Water very blue and clear

Lat at Mered 38.02
Long by Chro 38.30

Spoke Bk Spartan

Sunday Aug. 8th 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the E. & E. and clear weather but raining nearly all night with heavy thunder and shark lightning. At 8 steering W. & N.W. per compass. Water blue and clear. Saw a shoal of Blackfish going quick to the leward nothing more in sight all day.

Lat. at Mert 38 03
Long by Chro. 40 40

Monday Aug. 9th 1869

Commences with fresh breezes from the S.S.W. and clear weather, but had been rather squally through the night. Ship steering E.N.E. per compass with all sail but foretopgalt sail on. Water blue and clear. One sail in sight steering to the E. Saw flying fish, albacore and a few birds also plenty of small Portegue man o' war, also saw porpoises. Nothing more in sight all day so Ends

Lat. at Mert 38 28
Long. by Chro. 42 09

Tuesday Aug. 10th 1869

Comes in with Rainy weather ship steering W.N.W. by A.N. with the wind S.W. and blowing strong Ship with all prudent sail set at 12 M. clears up a little and the wind hauled to the W. but nothing to be seen — The water blue and clear —

Long Gold Weed
Lat. at Mered 39.38
Long. by Chro. 44 28

Wednesday Aug. 11th

Comes in with light airs from the N and cloudy weather with squalls of rain at 8 A.M. spoke Blk Pacific of N Bedford Capt Allen 2½ mos. out 200 Bbls Sperm — Examined with her nearly all day — nothing in sight all day

Lat at Mered 39.57

Thursday Aug. 12th 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S and S W with fair in the A.M. — P.M. strong breezes from the S W, and squally weather. Fan Co. with BK Pacific steering S.W. & S.W. nothing more in sight

Much rain in the night and wind shifted to N W.

Lat at Meri 40°.11
Long by Lora 45.27
Long by BK P. 45.26

Friday Aug. 13th 1869

Comes in with strong gales from the N.W. and clear weather. Ship to the wind to the S.W. & W. with all prudent sail out in co with BK Pacific at 11 A.M. saw Pacific manouvering as for whales to windward — at 4 P.M. saw sperm Whales to windward going slow to windward at 5½ lowered all three boats but could not get up to the whales — at sunset whales were the same

Lat 41.02
Long 46.21

Saw Sperm 11 Whales
Lat. 41.16 Long 46.20

Saturday, Aug. 14th 1869

Comes in with very light baffling airs from the E. Ship working to the S.W. with all sail out, — all A.M. nothing in sight — at 1 P.M. saw a vessel cutting — and supposed it to be the Bk Pacific — in the P.M. steering to the N and W, at Sunset took in sail and wore ship heading E. S. E.

Lat. at Merd 41.32
Long by Chro. 46.36

Sunday Aug. 15th 1869

Comes in with a gale from the S.W. and heavy squalls of rain — Ship by the wind to the W.N.W. with nothing but lower main topsail out at 8 A.M. wind came out from the W blowing heavy but with clear weather — Ship heading N.N.W. at 1 P.M. then wore ship heading S.S.W. and set fore, and fore topsails nothing in sight all day — Towards night wind moderated.

Lat at Merd 42.10 N
Long by Chro. 46.46 W

Monday Aug. 16th 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S.W. and fine clear weather. Ship by the wind to the S.W. with all sail out. In the morning water quite green but at 12 blue and clear, saw birds but a few and only one school of porpoises. also saw one sail a three masted schooner steering off about South

Toward sunset the wind died away and remained calm nearly all night. At sunset shortened sail and set boats crews, watches,

Lat at Meid 41.30
Long by chro. 46.54

Tuesday Aug. 17th 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S and overcast and looking most like rain. Ship by the wind to the W.S.W. with all sail out, cruising saw a few birds and two sail both steering to the E. water all day of a dark blue, with but little sargo weed

Lat. at Meid 42.10
Long. by chro. 47.10

Wednesday, Aug. 18th 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from the N.E. and cloudy weather and squalls of rain. Ship's head to the wind to the S and E, with all prudent sails out nothing in sight but porpoises all day.

Lat by Log. 41.20
Long by do 47.40

Thursday, Aug. 19th 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from the N.E. and squally weather. Ship's head to the wind to the E.N.E. with all prudent sails out. Water blue and clear all day. Saw plenty of bacoras quite a quantity of birds flying about. At 12 P.M. spoke the Barque Forwarded bound for Boston. At 7 P.M. standing off to the S.S.W. with all prudent sails out. Saw one sail steering to the W.

Lat at Mid. 42.13
Long by Chro. 41 58

Friday Aug. 20th 1864

Comes in with strong gales from the S.W. and clouds weather looking most like rain — all A.M. This is the wind heading to the S.S.E. with all prudent sail out, — At 12 M. more this steering S.E. per compass until 2 P.M. then kept ship to the wind S.W. blowing fresh — saw two sail steering to the E. & S.E. — saw but a few birds water blue and clear all day

Lat. at Merid. 41.53
Long. by Chro. 46.36

Saturday Aug. 21st 1864

Comes in with strong breezes from the S.W. and clouds weather — this steering W.S.W. per compass with all sail out, — Nothing in sight — Water blue and clear but little Gulf Weed — at 12 M. calm all the P.M. the same: in the night a light breeze from the S.W.

Lat. at Merid 42.02
Long by Chro. 46.38

Sunday Aug. 22nd 1864

Comes in with strong breezes from N.W. and cloudy weather looking much like rain — Ship by the wind heading N.W. with all prudent sail out Nothing in sight all day — Water blue and clear — saw but little Gulf Weed — and but a few flying fish; — Bit a shark or albacore's — and but a few birds. — The ground in general looking very dull.

Lat at Merd 42.23 N
Long. by Chro. 46.48 W.

Monday Aug. 23rd 1864

Comes in with moderate breezes from the N and cloudy weather — Ship steering N.W. by W. per compass with all sail out. — Water blue and clear. No birds or porpoises and but little Gulf Weed — Saw several sail steering to the E. and at 5 P.M. spoke the Ulkine of and from New York 11 d. with Tobacco for ~~Havre~~ Havre France caught a turtle.

Lat at Merd. 42.21
Long by Chro. 47 00
Long by BK Ulkine 47.10

Tuesday Aug. 24th 1869

Comes in with fresh breezes from the E and E.N.E. and cloudy weather. Ship steering W.S.W. with all prudent sail out. — All the A.M. water rather green. Saw porpoises and grampuse but no birds or black fish. — Plenty of sea weed as though we had a strong current. — Saw one schooner bound E. also saw one ahead but a long distance off. Noon at 3 P.M. Spoke her, — proved to be the Chamberson, Pease of Edgartown 10 days out had seen nothing.

Lat at Noon 41.26
Long by Chro. 46.48

Wednesday, Aug. 25th 1869

Comes in with strong gales from the E and hazy weather. Ship steering W.S.W. all the A.M. — Saw one sail steering to the E. — Water blue and green alternately but little sea weed or any thing else in sight all the P.M. have E. heading up W.W. per compass with nothing but storm sails set.

Lat. at Noon 40.47
Long. by Chro. 47.42

Sirius Ship Chamberson
Sun - Tues Out 10 days

Thursday Aug. 26th 1864

Comes in with strong breezes from the S and hazy weather. Ship by the wind to the S.E. & S.W. with all prudent sail out — saw nothing all the A.M. but a few birds and a few albacore — carry a reef of the latter — Weather very blue and clear with but little ground swell have found a strong current for the last 24 hours setting S.W. — at 12 M. more ship heading E.S.E. with all sail out,

Lat. at noon 40.32
Long. by chron. 48.20

Friday Aug. 27th 1864

Comes in with strong breezes from the S.W. and W. Ship to the wind heading W.S.W. with all prudent sail out — nothing in sight all day all P.M. light baffling winds and

Lat 40.39
Long 49.03

Saturday Aug. 28th 1864

Comes in with strong breezes from W. and squally weather. Ship heading N.E. all day with all prudent sail out — nothing in sight

Lat. 40.40
Long. 49.25

Sunday Aug. 29th 1869

Comes in with light airs from the N. and smooth fine weather but somewhat overcast — Ship off the wind all day heading E and E by E with all sail out — Two sail in sight — One bound E the other W — Water blue and clear and has been the same for the last two days. — but little Gulf Weed and but a few birds

— Lat. 41.18
Long. 48.11

Monday Aug. 30th 1869

Comes in with light varying winds from the S. and cloudy weather. Ship steering N.E. per compass all the day at 12 M. Meridian high N.W. at 2 P.M. saw Blackfish — Lowered all the boats and caught two, — Saw a very large school all going to the windward about S. — One sail in sight steering to the — Water blue all day;

Lat 42 07
Long. 47.28

Saw Blackfish
North Two

Tuesday Aug. 31st 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S and overcast — Ship by the wind heading W.S.W. with all sail out — One sail in sight standing to the E — All day a very heavy swell from the W & W.N.W. — saw plenty of porpoises — two sail in sight One steering to the E, The other working W we think she is a whaler as she has no fore top gall sail on — in the P.M. lowered for Blackfish but saw them no more

Lat 42.07
Long 47.28

Wednesday ~~Aug.~~ Sept 1869

Comes in with slight baffling winds from the S and W and clear weather water blue and clear all day. S.S.E. all the A.M. standing to the W.N.W. in the P.M. to the S.S.E. — in the P.M. saw two schools of porpoises.

Lat at noon 41.55
Long by Chro. 47.42

Saw Blackfish
York River

Thursday Sept. 2nd 1869

Comes in with light baffling airs from the S. E. and hazy weather — Ship by the wind heading to the S. W. with all sail out. — One sail in sight steering to the E. & N. E. at 7 saw porpoises and Blackfish — lowered all four boats, and took three Two to Larb. boat and one to Starb. — at 10 A.M. saw another school lowered and took two — One to larb. and one to W boat, at 11 comes in foggy Thick fog all the P.M.

No Obs.

Friday Sept. 3rd 1869

Comes in with light airs and calms with thick fog, Ship by the wind heading to the S. W. with all sail out and [illegible] — Employed in filling Casks water for ballast. — Saw a school Blackfish — also saw porpoises

No Obs.

Saturday Sept. 4th 1869

First part hazy, at 10 clears it wind S. S. W. — Ship by the wind to the S. E. with all sail out pleasant weather all day — working in sight

Lat. 42.18 Long. 47.54

Sunday Sept. 5th 1869

Comes in with light breeze from the S.E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship steering S. E. per compass. One sail in sight at 11 Spoke Ship Com. Harris Capt. Newland with 800 Bbls all told Had seen whales but a few days before and took two and was boiling Saw Blackfish but did not lower for them.

Lat at Merd. 42.00
Long by Chro. 47.25

Monday Sept. 6th 1869

Comes in with light winds from the S.W. and fine pleasant weather. Ship by the wind to the S. and W. with all sail out. Two sail in sight one being the Com. Harris. and to the windward steering also to the S.W. at 12 M. tacked Ship standing to the S.E. In the P.M. saw two sail to the windward took them both to be whalers, and gam ming nothing more in sight

Lat at Merd 41.21
Long by Chro. 47.06

Sam'l Blackfish
Tom Lisa

Tuesday Sept. 7th 1869

Comes in with good weather with the wind from the W. & W.N.W. and first rate seeing — Ship in the Morning steering to the wind to the S.W. but nothing in sight — at 7 A.M. tacked ship to the E.S.E. & E. and stood on that tack until 10 A.M. then tacked again to the S.W. At 2 P.M. raised Blackfish lowered and chased with with all three boats. Took Six 3 to starb. boat 1 to larb. and 2 to Waist boat.

Lat at Mered. 41.55
Long. by Chro. 46.48

Wednesday Sept 8th 1869

Comes in with fine breezes from the S.W. and cloudy weather Ship to the wind on various tacks at 10 A.M. steering to the E. S. E. nothing in sight at 1 P.M. lied to west for a while & then stood for her and at 3 P.M. spoke the Bk Cecelia Hogan of N.B. 4 mos out 300 Bbls at 5½, saw a school of Sperm Whales to windward

Lat of whales 41.25 L. 46.40

Sam'l Williams
Geo. Hughes Did not lower

Thursday Sept 9th 1869

Comes in with light winds from the S.W. and fine pleasant weather, Ship by the wind to the S.W. with all sail on cruising in Co with Bk Osceola and Ship Com. Morris, which is boiling having got a whale yesterday saw a sail to the S.W. manoeuvering but at 10 A.M. stood to the S and W. — about the same we tacked to the S.W. — nothing more in sight all day. —

Lat at Noon 41.00
Long by Chro. 47.15

Fryday Sept. 10th 1869.

Comes in with moderate breezes from the W.S.W. and fine pleasant weather Ship by the wind to the S.W. with all sail out, cruising Ship Com. Morris and Bk Osceola in sight to the Leeward also another Bk name unknown also in sight, — but nothing more expecting grampuses — in the afternoon rather changeable. but light and Moved in the P.M. tacking to the S. water blue saw two or three schools of small fish — saw one school of grampuses Lat 41.30 Long 47.19

Saturday Sept 11th 1869

Comes in with light airs from the S.W. and fine pleasant weather. Ship by the wind cruising to the N. and N.W. with all sails out. In the morning started the works and boiled all the Blackfish — making about six barrels of oil — at 4 P.M. raised a school of Sperm Whales to the leeward coming quick to windward — lowered all four boats and chased without success. — Saw several sail today. Two we called whalers, water blue with plenty of Brit of Whales

Lat at Merd. 41.12
" 41.18 Long by chro. 47.16
" 47.21

Sunday Sept 12th 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from the S.W. and smoky weather. Ship by the wind to the S.S.E. — at 10 A.M. wore ship to the N.W. — two sail — whalers in sight — water clear with some little ripples. — In the P.M. rainy at sunset wind changed suddenly to the N.W. and strong

Lat 41.22
Long. 47.24

Sperm Whales

Monday Sept 13th 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from the N.E.P.E. and foggy weather — Ship steering W.S.W. with whole topsails on — Com. Morris in sight and also steering W. at 12 M. hauled to heading S.S.W. with nothing but lower topsails out — at 2 P.M. pitched away foretopgallant mast saw One Sail steering to the E. S.E. No Whales — Water blue

Lat at Merd 41.01
Long by Chro 48.24

Wednesday Sept. 14th 1869

Comes in with a gale of wind from N.E. and clear weather Ship by the wind to the N.W. under easy sail — in the P.M. the weather moderating made some sail and at night wore ship standing to the E all night weather clear but a strong gale of wind found a light current setting to the S.

Lat at Merd. 40.56
Long by Chro. 48.54

Wednesday Sept 15th 1869
Comes in with strong gales from the N.W. and clear weather. Ship standing to the N.E. with all prudent sail set. at 7 A.M. tacked ship and stood S.W. until 9 A.M. when tacked again standing N. & E. all day. Nothing in sight. Water rather green all day. at 6 P.M. in rainy weather standing to the S.

Lat at Mer'd 40 40
Long by Chro 48 24

Thursday Sept 16th 1869
All this day strong gales from the N.W. and hazy weather. Ship work in to the N. and E. Nothing in sight

Lat 41 00
Long 48 15

Friday Sept 17th 1869
All day a gale of wind from the N. & N.E. & W. and cloudy weather, nothing in sight all day.

Saturday Sept 18th 1869

All day a gale from the N.E. and squally weather — Ship working to windward under easy sail — Nothing in sight all day

Lat. 41.48
Long. 48.00

Sunday Sept 19th 1869

All day a strong gale from the N.E. and clear weather — Ship steering N.E.S.W. all day until 3 P.M. — then came to the wind heading W. under easy sail — saw two sail — One steering to the W. & the wind the other N.E.B.E. per compass — saw One school of porpoises and one sulphur-Bottom

Lat 41.32
Long. 47.15

Monday Sept. 20th 1869

Comes in with light breezes from the N.N.W. and quite fine weather ship steering to the E.N.E. with all sail set — water quite green — Nothing in sight all the A.M. at 2 saw the Bk Ocean and a steamer bound E. in the P.M. water blue — No whales Blackfish or porpoises all day

Lat at Mer'd 41.25
Long by Lobs. 47.10

Tuesday Sept 21st 1869

Comes in with a gale of wind from S.W. and N.W. and a very rough rugged sea on — Nothing in sight all day — Ship on different tacks cruising under small sail — water blue and clear.

Lat at Merid 41.35
Long. by Chro. 47.13

Wednesday Sept. 22nd 1869

Comes in with strong gales from the N.W. and blowing heavy all day — nothing in sight but one sail — Ship under easy sail standing on different tacks

Lat 41.45
Long. 47.28

Thursday Sept 23rd 1869

Comes in with a gale of wind from N.W. and N. with squally weather — ship to the wind to the W. — Nothing in sight but one derelict — at 5 P.M. kept ship off S.S.E. W. per compass under easy sail — water blue and clear — No Blackfish, porpoises, or anything else. — Some rain squalls in the P.M.

Lat. at Merid 42.08
Long. by Chro 47.14

Friday, Sept 24th 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the E & fine pleasant weather. Ship steering W & S W with all sail out Water rather green but nothing to be seen in it. Among tides rips all day.

Lat at Meid 41.20
Long by Chro. 48.12

Saturday. Sept 25th 1869

Comes in with fine pleasant weather with the winds from the N. E. Ship by the wind heading E S E per Compass. Nothing in sight until 11½ when raised from the mast head at the fore a school of Sperm Whales. going quick to the leeward but soon thrilled to windward going by the wind S. E. The wind in the mean time having changed to the E at 12 m lowered all three boats and gave chase at about 3 Starbd boat struck. The school starting immediately to windward showing no chance for the other boats to fasten. killed him and got him to ship and cut him in by 8 P. M.

Lat 40.50
Long: 47.48

Sent Seven Men to Fire Island

Sunday Sept. 26th 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S. E. and fine pleasant weather Ship by the wind to the N and E. with all prudent sail out bailing. Several sails in sight at 12 M. spoke Bk. Addison Capt Cornell, 3 mos, out 15 Bbls Sperm Oil. — At Dusk spoke Ship Com. Morris 35 Bbls since last saw her, Also spoke Bk Osceola with 50 Bbls since last spoke her — Pm the F. M. standing to the S. W.

Lat at Merd 41 29
Long by Chro 46 58

Monday Sept 27th 1869

Comes in with light breezes from the S. E. and somewhat cloudy and very misty horizon Ship steering S. W. by W. — running all night. Cooled to the works at 12. — at 8 A. M. luffed to the wind. Bk. Addison and Osceola and Ship Com. Morris all in sight, standing to the S. at 11 nothing in sight at 12 M. tacked to the S. E. again

Lat at Merd. 41 08 Long 47 20

Tuesday. Sept 28th 1869

Comes in with light winds from the S. & E. and very fine pleasant weather, Ship cruising to the E and N. E. with all prudent sail out — at 12 M. saw two whales to the windward but could not make them out. — all the P. M. standing to the W. & W. per compass. — So at night shortened sail

Lat. at Mered 41.25
Long by Chro. 47.00

Wednesday. Sept 29th

Comes in with moderate breezes from the W. and rainy weather Ship by the wind heading to the W. & W. — nothing in sight at 12 M. tacked Ship standing to the S. & E. it being nearly calm, with moderate breezes and thick weather

So Obs,

Thursday. Sept. 30th 1869

Comes in with fresh gales from N. E. and cloudy weather. at daylight in the morning saw Ship Com. Morris manouvering for whales. and soon after saw her boats down and at 6 h. saw the whales — made sail and stood up for the Com. she being to the windward found the whales coming to the leward quite quick — saw one of the Com. boats fasten. at 7 h lowered all three of our boats and soon after the Lark boat struck The whale run to windward but did not kill him until near by 12 — The other boats tried but could not strike again saw a large school of 50 or 60 Bbl. whales — Com Morris took one or two — saw her cutting — Took our whale to the Ship and cut him in by 7 h P. M. — The whale was large but very poor — judge he will make about 60 Bbls.

Lat. at Merd 41°.15'
Long by Chro. 48.08

Took One to Lark
Saw Whales

Friday Oct. 1st 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the N and fine weather — ship by the wind to the W.C.N.W. under easy sail cruising — watch boiling — Com. Morris in sight boiling also — saw several Sulphur Bottoms today and One sail steering to the E.

Lat at merd 41.00
Long by Chro, 47.49

Saturday Oct 2nd 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from S.W. and then changed into the N.W. with cloudy weather — Ship by the wind steering to the N.E. by the wind — Com Morris in sight boiling like ourselves at 4 P.M. saw Black-fish — saw also two schools of porpoises today — Nothing more in sight

Lat at Merd 40 22
Long. by Chro, 48.15

Saw a large Lone Sperm Whale

Sunday Oct. 3rd 1869

Comes in with strong gales from the N.W. and dry weather but somewhat cloudy. Com. Morris in sight also another sail to windward — Ship under easy sail all hands employed in stowing oil in the main hold — Finished boiling about midnight — Stowed about 80 Bbls the last whole making 560 Bbls all day Ship heading about E.N.E. per compass under lower topsails and foresail

Lat at Meri 41 00.
Long by Chro. 47.13

Monday, Oct. 4th 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from the N.W. and clear weather Ship by the wind with all prudent sail out cruising to the W. Ship Com. Morris in sight to windward — at 3 P.M. saw a large lone Sperm Whale going quite quick to windward I chased with all boats without success — he remaining down 55 mins and up only 5

Lat at Meri 41.10
Long by Chro. 47.15

Saw Sperm Whales & One Got by Waist Boat.

Tuesday. Oct. 5th 1869

Begins with moderate breezes from the N. and fine pleasant weather — Ship by the wind to the E & N.E. cruising at 6 A.M. raised Sperm Whales going quite slow to the S.W. at 8½ lowered the boats and at 10 Waist boat struck — Killed him and the S & L Boats chased another Whale until 2 P.M. Bk. Osceola's Boats also chaseing the same Whale at 3 P.M. Shoaked on to the whale and at 7 had Head off and Body in and at 10½ had Head in also — Whale large enough for 90 Bbls but blubber poor — judge he will make 75 Bbls

— Saw some five or six whales in the morning but when W Boat struck there was only three in sight — Saw several sail during the day. — One or two whalers

Lat at Merd 41.14
Long. by Chro. 47.03

Wednesday Oct. 6th 1869
Comes in with light baffling airs and calms — Shif by the wind to the S.W. with all prudent sail out cruising — Several sail in sight, — at 11 spoke the Bk Oceola nothing since last saw her — at 7 started the works

Lat. at Merd. 41°.26
Long by Chro. 47.04

Thursday Oct. 7th 1869
Comes in with moderate breezes from the S.S.E. and cloudy weather Shif by the wind to the S.W. cruising with all prudent sail out — several sail in sight 3 Whalers — Spoke Bk Addison with nothing since last saw her — at night raining fast — cooled the works — at 12 wind changed to the N.W. with cloudy weather but little rain started the works again

Lat. at Merd. 41.21
Long. by Chro. 48.09

Friday Oct. 8th 1869

Comes in with a gale of wind from the N.W. and some fine rain — Ship by the wind to the S. W. with all prudent sail out boiling B.R. Addison in sight — at 3 P.M. finished boiling and wore ship heading E. N.E. with nothing but lower topsails out

Lat at Noon 41.06
Long by Chro. 48.07

Saturday Oct 9th 1869

Comes in with a gale of wind from the N and thick weather — Ship by the wind to the E. N.E. under easy sail — all hands busy stowing oil in the main hold — Stowed 75 Bbls the last whale yielding that amount. One sail in sight suppose it to be the Addison

No Obs.

Sunday Oct 10th 1869

Comes in with a gale of wind from the N. and cloudy weather. Ship lying to under lower maintopsail — nothing in sight all day. — Ship on different tacks

Lat. 41 26 Long 46.54

Sam'l G. Wheeler — Master — Left port 41 days 19 hrs — Sperm — Took One — 65 Bbls — to L. Boat, Made with Com. Morris

Monday Oct. 11th 1869

Comes in with a gale from the N.E and cloudy weather — ship all the a.m. steering off S.S.W. per compass — in the p.m. by the wind to the S.E. wind hauling gradually to the E. — saw one sail a whaler steering to the W. nothing more in sight — poor seeing all day — watch breaking out for provision &c

Lat. at Mert 41.19
Long. by Chro. 47.17

Tuesday Oct. 12th 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from the N.E. and cloudy weather, ship by the wind to the Sta. S. and E. Com Morris in sight — for the p.m. steering W. & N.W. per compass at 4 spoke Com. Morris with 65 Bbls since last we saw her — One other whaler in sight that we call the Addison — at 5 raised a school of Sperm Whales, going quick to the W. & N.W. — moored with the S.E. & M. and chased, at dusk and after the S.E. & M. Boats gave up the whales and gone on board, the starboard Boat struck a small whale

Sun Sperm Whales Sun Sperm Whales
Work One Work Two

Wednesday Oct. 13th 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the N.E. and cloudy weather. — Ship steering W. N.W. per compass with all prudent sail out and the Barn. Morris in sight — at 8 raised Sperm Whales going to the W. N.W. several large whales. — Lowered and chased with all three boats — Barn. Morris also chasing at 1 P.M. W. Boat struck a 50 Bbl bull, other boats kept after the whales and at 4 S. Boat struck a 25 Bbl cow. Took both to the ship by 9 P.M. and by 2 had all cut in

Lat. at Merd. 40 48
Longo by Chro. 48 04

Thursday Oct. 14th 1869

Comes in with light airs and pleasant weather. — Ship under easy sail all hands busy in boiling clearing away heads &c — at 8 raised Sperm Whales — Chased with two boats — Lard Boat struck a 20 Bbl cow and killed him — and took him to the ship and after 3 P.M. cut him in saw quite a large school of cows and calves going S.E. slow,

Lat. 40 14 Long. 48 52

Fryday, Oct, 15th 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S.E, and fine pleasant weather — Ship under easy sail heading to the S and E. — all hands busy in boiling, clearing away Wheat, clearing up decks, & Stowing Oil &c Stowed about 35 BBls of Oil in the fore hold — Nothing in sight all day. Find a strong S.W set, with heavy tide rips — water all day Blue, and clear, and also warm.

Lat, at Merd, 39.36
Long. by Chro, 49.10

Saturday Oct, 16th 1869

Comes in with strong gales from the S.E and very squally weather — Ship in the wind, to the S and E with a prudent sail set, watch employed in boiling and doing other work about the Ship — Nothing in sight but one sail — all day in heavy tide rips

Lat, at Merd, 39.42
Long, by Chro, 49.30

R. Cap. W. Borden

Sunday Oct. 17th 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the E. S. E. and squally weather, and an eight of cross skipping sea on — Ship Speeding to the S & W and he under easy sails — all hands employed in stowing down oil in five holes stowed 82 Bbls. The last five of 4 Whales giving about 115 Bbls. 15 Bbls for the First taken in Co. with Com. Harris — 50 for the one taken by W Boat and 25 each for the Starb. and the one taken by Starb. Boat next day. — Saw One sail steering to the E. — Nothing more in sight —

Lat at Merd. 40.28
Long. by. Chro. 47.23

Monday Oct. 18th 1869

Comes in with light baffling airs from the S and E. and clear weather and somewhat squally — Ship steering to the S & W and S W on various courses cruising — Saw one sail steering to the E and also saw one finback

Lat. at Merd. 40.59
Long. by Chro. 47.29

Sperm Whales

Tuesday Oct. 19th 1869

Comes in with light baffling airs from all points of the compass and rainy weather — Ship steering N.W. with all prudent sail out, Bk Addison in sight — at 11½ saw Sperm Whales — at 12 lowered and chased Bk Addison lowering her boats at the same time, — Addison's boats soon went on, and either struck and drawed or missed and gallied the Whales, there being a large school of 40 Bbl Bulls — Boats chasing all the P.M. Waist Boat went on and darted twice and did not fasten, — missed once there b in a good chance, — Starb boat went on once and missed there being a good chance, — at 5 P.M. a light breeze springing up from the N.W. — being ~~at~~ calm all the P.M.

Lat at Merd 40.55
Long by Chro, 48.20

No. 1

BK Ocean Steel May 27th 1868

Lorenzo Pierce Esq.
New Bedford

Dr. Sir

A Ship is passing us for Fayal, & thought you would like to hear from us, so I write.

We have had a great deal of bad weather wind and rain — have seen whale three times when we could not lower.

Eight days out had our first fair day and took our first whales (60 1/4 bbls) have taken six whales (120 bbls)

I shall leave here in a few days for the Azores Grounds this Fayal, where I intend to land the oil to be shipped to you — I fell Mattanner that our Mr. machinery broke down the first whale — one of the connecting links broke, and the drivers bridge and I have made it up finer with one bridge, shall get a link made at Fayal.

One of the Mr. Shriver we learned to crucible but at first I thought I should have to condemn it but it does better after cooling down — otherwise the machine works well.

I trust I may be able to give you a good report of my officers and crew when I get home. — This insured at sil 120 Bbls I have at Fayal please effect no Insurance on my vessel from Fayal to U.S. — My respects to Mrs. Pierce and

I believe we are about 25 days from Fayal

No. 1

U.S. Bream Steed off Western Islands June 22nd 1868

Jacob H. Hoadley Esqr.
Pt. Penthedford

Dr Sir

Having the opportunity of disposing of our tobacco here have invested and sold it to Manuel Laurence a merchant or trader at the Port of Porta Delgada Island of Flores — Shee has no American or English residents at this place. Mr Manuel Laurence has filled out and signed my invoice certificate — The U.S. Consular agent has also subscribed his name to the same. He has no stamp or seal but is authorized by the Deputy Consul at Sta. Cruz, the principle port of the island.

Should any question arise in regard to the agent's authority reference must be made to the Deputy Consul at Sta. Cruz.

The certificate is written partly in Portugue and partly in english but I trust you may be able to find it all out without much trouble

Should any discrepancy arise in regard to mark or number please inform me immediately

And Sir Oblige

Yours Truly
A. R. Borden

P.S. We are now bound for Fayal for the purpose of landing our Oil 250 Bbls I shall then go on the Morris ground. It may be that I shall miss it by doing so, and should not had I less confidence in the place. We shall be late and I shall not have long to remain on the ground before I find out whether there is any whales there or not. Should there be no sight there my intentions is to work to the west again as soon as possible. I have obtained my potatoes and can remain out until about Nov or Dec. Should I do much to the north shall probably touch here at Fayal before going West. I have seen but one whaler since leaving home and that was the Brk Concordia of Hay Harbor last Dunbar 100 Bbls Sperm. We took in Co. one whale 110 Bbls We raised the whales going to windward the being to the windward struck and we helped kill him. That bad weather in the Gulf. Saw whales several times when we could not lower. Old vessel can be too good for cruising in the Gulf Stream. I trust all is right about the tobacco. My respects to Mr. Peirce. Be sure and answer this in time to meet me at Fayal in Sept.

And Sir Oblige
Truly and Fraternally Yours
G. H. Boutelle

Please find certificate within and acknowledge receipt thereof
G. H. B.

Fayal June 27th 1868

Lorenzo Peirce Esq.
New Bedford

Dear Sir

I have shipped to you to be landed at Boston per Bark Frederick Crett, Capt Burke — 41 casks containing 8952 Gals. of Sperm Oil — 284 Bbls. at the rate of one hundred and twenty five cents in gold per barrel. There will also be a charge of twenty cents per barrel for commissions &c.

Please find enclosed and acknowledge receipt of list of images

I shall leave Tortas for the Morris Ground and may be here again in Sept. and may not until Nov or Dec. — should I get 3 or 4 hundred on the Morris ground shall be here in Sept. if not shall go Invert and remain as long as possible and not be here until Dec. — have forwarded to you Mr. Hedley Landon certificate in duplicate of Mr Brown landed at Flores.

Mrs regards to Mr. H. and Mr Page

G B Borden

No 3

Bk Ocean Steed Sept 4th 1868

Lorenzo Peirce Esqr
New Bedford

Dr Sir I have met with an accident in the breaking of my steering apparatus by a Sperm Whale in his attempting to bite the rudder The Whale however was dead — We had two of them alongside and was cutting — the weather very rugged — one of the whales got hold of the rudder and before we was aware of it the apparatus was broke I have no one to blame, it was purely unseen the pieces broke and the ones I wish for you to send out to me — are — we will suppose the apparatus to be located on the rudder head — First the Starboard plate in which and through which the shaft or screw works — being fifteen inches long on the shaft or screw and containing eight threads — Second the after end frame piece (one of those that has rubbers in them) being also fifteen inches long when complete with rubbers and ends.

Third — one of the bed pieces (being a plain casting) in which the after end frame piece rests and being also fifteen inches between the uprights

It is Reed's Patent No 1917 and I believe a 12 in John W Howland I think will understand the size as also the pieces I want

I shall be at Faval about the 1st of Nov and shall look for those pieces by the Freedonia, as she will be due at Fayal about that time

Until then I shall try to get along with

tubles — It is doubtful whether I can get the apparatus repaired at Hawaii — We have just arrived on the ground from the Ea — on the 27th sailing fell in with the first whales used took two sculpers but owing to bad weather and very warm we saved only 150 Bbls from the two — giving us all told 420 Bbls Unless weather compels us to leave we anticipate a good season catch — Are in the Gulf Stream and shall try to hang on as long as possible — We are all very proud of our Boots the last from Beetles "Cant be beat" I am much pleased with the one from Beetles — but the one from Stiles does not suit the mate and I have given him the one from Beetles and I have Tuttle Beetles. I cannot recommend Stiles

There is as much in sailing or management as there is in the boat generally

I am sure we have taken several whales extra by superior sailing boats

My regards to Mr. Hadley

And Sir Obliged

Yours Respectfully

G W Barden

No 4

Bk Ocean Steed Oct 6th 1868

Lorenzo Pierce Esqr
New Bedford

Dr Sir The steeds is now bound home — I ship to you by her five casks of Sperm Oil 235 — 296 — 238 — 318 — 302 — 1381 Gals. — 43 Bbls 26½ Gals — all marked Ocean Steed

I have received from Capt. Cornell 2 Ropes of Sugar — the weight used price to be determined on and settled by you

I have also received from Capt. Cornell 6 Boxes of Tobacco for Sales — rather than for him to throw it overboard

I shall remain here as long as I possible can — we are heavily laden weather bad we find whales — expect to be at Fayal about the Mid of Nov. — I have all told 520 Bbls. — My respects to Mrs. Hadley and Sir Obliged

Yours respectfully

P.S. I send my Cooper by BR Anderson the is sick and unable to do duty — She has no bill on board

Yours &c

G. W. Rogers

No 5

Bk Brean Steed Nov. 9th 1868

Lorenzo Peirce Esqr
New Bedford

Dr Sir My last to you per Bk Addison was written in great haste, I had time to say but little as it was blowing a gale, you must therefore excuse my very brief note and my and all imperfections you may find in it. We are now on our way to Fayal, — I left the Brean Steed ground on the 23d inst, with 700 Bbls Sperm all told, I regretted leaving very much as we was sure of seeing whales every day we could keep on the ground

We had strong gales and strong currents to contend with and being much out of water and crank and steering with tackles we had hard work to keep up, — For the last two weeks we had a gale about all the time and being in the rifs we kept dancing about pretty merrily

I have been over so much with you for not putting in more ballast. — We are all out of water like a blasted whale, and I intend to put in a lot of rocks at the first place we anchor.

I have seen only three whalers since leaving home the Horseshoe, The Addison and the Born, Morris

Spoke the Born Morris three weeks ago with 250 Sperm 30 whale — Saw her cutting three days after and on the 2d inst, saw her boiling, she no doubt will remain on the ground as long as possible and will probably make up 500 before he leaves.

That I a vessel like the Addison or Born,

Morris

I should remain there all winter or as long as I could see the spout of a whale. The whales are small but plenty, and it requires a good ship with four or five boats, — Capt Hoopland sends five boats into a school! I have seen the need of four boats. Before sailing I expected to cruise north for large whales and then it does not make so much difference.

No vessel did anything on the Kamchatka ground but the Addison, — but no doubt there is whales there, — Capt. Hoopland saw them several times but got nothing — When I got there the season was over and I left again for the Green Island ground.

We have found one very lazy whale to deal with — the cut up all our boats — he was as much smarter than anything I ever saw before as a sperm whale is superior to a bull frog — as soon as a boat got near him he would go down, and unless the boat would pull away as fast as possible he would have her in his jaws the next minute, When he could not get hold of the boat he would grab at an oar or anything else at hand — as our boats got disabled we would come on board, patch up with canvass, then off and try him again, — in this way we kept machine on him and he ran us on about twelve hours — In action of the third boat he got his death wound and we hauled him alongside after dark — he made us forty barrels of oil, — We have taken twenty four whales altogether, — the carpenter being sick sent home per Addison. This left me rather lame as I am without a chief keeper, — I have remained on board and kept chief most of the time since, but I

find a difference in the boats working — I shall try to make a shift keeper of one of the foremast hands and go in the boat again myself. The coopers mate does very well as cooper.

Now I will tell you my wants — Articles I want you to send to Barbadoes in time to meet me there in Feby — First 50 Spagle irons those that the heads shut inside of the shank — 2 P. — 3 Boxes of Bomb lances — ~~2 of small~~ 2 Boxes of large 1 do of small — If convenient and without great offence 20 or 25 Bbls of potatoes — can get none at Barbadoes — also if convenient I want from Capt. Wm. Allen an abstract of his voyage or a description of the ground where he got his oil in the Ship Sheila on her last voyage, — I also want you to send me a small chart or plan, on a large scale of the Bahama Banks and islands and of Cuba with soundings — I have thoughts of going down that way after leaving Barbadoes — commence cruising there in the cruise up the Gulf through the summer on the Green stand ground in the fall, — Oil is the point I now propose but there is nothing certain about it, for the prospect of a good cut at any time or place will be a sufficient inducement for us to change the programme, — I am in hopes of getting one or two whales about these islands before leaving — When I leave the W. I. I expect to cruise about the Cape de Verdes until time to leave for Barbadoes,

Should any of our friends wish to know where we left our oil you can tell them in the Gulf Stream

and if they wish to try it you can say that as soon as they get into the stream and find a blow coming on with rain. they can look out for whales. We use a great many irons with these small whales have had a great many to break after using them once or twice, but have not lost any whales by irons breaking — they break in straightening or in whales while towing or alongside the ship — Capt. Howland makes the same complaint — I always use a new iron for a first head iron and dont intend for anything to get away from us after we once get harpooned — In regard to bombs I would say that our officers are not so well skilled in their use as some officers I have seen — Should you hear of any good ground please inform one of the same.

And Sir Oblige

Yours with Respect

G. F. Borden

Master Bk Ocean Steed

Fayal Nov. 17th 1868

Jacob B. Hadley Esqr
Newbedford

Dr. Sir Yours under date of Oct 29th came duly to hand yesterday — one for of June and duly on the 13th inst — Bills of Lading of Shooks &c and of Sperm Assurance has been duly received — I was quite surprised to find here awaiting my arrival nearly 300 Bbls of Shooks — You must think that we can make whales or do something big to sending us out earlier within three months of our sailing from home — I cannot ship my oil from this place with any degree of certainty of its being sent home until spring — I shall therefore keep it on board until my arrival at Bermuda unless I have a chance to ship it previously — Could I have shipped here I should have put in a quantity of rocks for ballast and cruised about these islands, and gone out where Capt. Burke saw those whales to the N of these islands — Now must go to the Azores for water &c and then think of cruising about the Cape Verdes and in at Hamilton Isle of Bermuda in Feb — You will therefore please send my Cross Bohnt Lances &c to that place — If convenient and agreeable with yourselves should like for you to advance to John W. Moreland as he requests a sum on

sums of money not exceeding $1000 One Thousand Dollars Chargeing the same to my account but taking his receipt for the same in account against Bark Ocean Steed. Presumeing he has not drawn on you against said Bark,

Sperm Oil I see is up again to $2 & $2.15 May it be like old Time "always advanceing" I sometimes like to look at a shipping List and other C.B. papers. — My kindest regards to Mr. Peirce — Thanks for past favors and "may they be continued" and oblige

Yours respectfully & truly
G. B. Borden

Fayal Nov. 19th 1868

Lorenzo Peirce Esq.
New Bedford

Sir I have drawn on you a Bill or Draft of $100 in gold One Hundred Dollars @ 10 days from sight ~~in favor~~ Payable to Chas. W. Dabney & Sons or order,

Please pay the same and charge ~~the same~~ to the account of Bark Ocean Steed and oblige

Yours respectfully
G. B. Borden

Master Bk. Ocean Steed,

No 6

Bk Ocean Steed Cruising off Fayal Nov. 22/68

Lorenzo Peirce Esqr.
New Bedford.

Dr. Sir I came out of Fayal last Thursday eve — One man having deserted I am obliged by law, to go back report him to the U S Consul and await 48 hours for his arrest — Since coming out of Fayal I have been trying to get back again but it has been blowing heavy all the time until this P.M. I have taken my shooks and steering apparatus on board the steering apparatus fits well — I think the charges on those shooks at Fayal rather steep — I will give you the items and then you can judge for yourself — Lightterage of shooks in, $3,10 — Lightterage of do out, $3,10 — Transit duty & Custom House fees c/c of same $9,45 — Storage of same 62 Bbls 3 mos. $6 20 — Brokerage entering and clearing & C $3,00 — Cranage on shooks $2,48 Total exclusive on shooks $27,33 — Clearance $9 54 — Custom House c/c $6 50 — Custom House Guards c/c $1,85 — Transit clerk and Custom House officer to go board Fredonia for steering apparatus $1,40 making a grand total of $46,62 this added to freight $162 give about $107 in gold. Cost of transportation of shooks — add to the difference of gold and currency used we have, nearly $156 or 50 cts per bbl,

I have drawn on you a Draft of $100

at this place — I did not intend to draw, as I had money on board but coming on rough weather and night could not get on board conveniently — but after getting on board I learned that one of my men had deserted and am obliged to await for his arrest. — I am of the opinion that the people know how to charge for things at Fugal — especially so when they get a man hard up or in distress. — All go in for just what they can make out of him — You will probably be able to judge better of this when Capt. Honeywell's bills are made public — By my last I wrote about advancing J. W. Hegwood a sum of money not to exceed $1000 on a/c of his interest ~~in~~ with me in Bk Creek Steed. — I presume that he has not drawn on you, should he have done so you will please not exceed $1000 — The weather about here is very rough and the people think that winter has set in in earnest, and I shall soon leave here and go south — The lower hold of my ship is nearly full of bils and water, still I am very light and crank and can do scarcely nothing in holding on or working to the windward in rough weather — She needs 40 Tons more or less of pig iron in the bottom of her hold — I did not deem it prudent to land my oil here with no prospect of shipping home until Spring and then at a large expense — Though I was desirous of taking my oil out in order to put in rocks

But I intend to go down to Teneriffe soon for water and shall then try to get in some racks — I have sold a part of my tobacco could easily dispose of it, were the weather good so I could get around the land — Tobacco seems in good demand — Since writing my last and informing you of my intention of going to Hamilton Bermuda as my next port I have heard that there is little or no water to be obtained there and I may call at both Barbadoes and Bermuda — please therefore write me at Barbadoes informing me at which place you will send the articles I requested — please inform me how the oil has turned out at home if it holds out to the wages in full — we thought that Jver Robbison was about 10 per cent above par — it ought to be good as that came from the whale that cut up our boats and caused us so much trouble

My kindest regards to Mr Headley reserving a fair share for yourself — write often

and Sir Oblige

Your Most Obt Servt,

G B Borden

Fayal Nov. 25th 1868

Jacob B. Hadley Esqr.
New Bedford

Dr. Sir I forward by Capt. Soaky of Brig J. W. Wiswell One Chronometer obtained of James S. Kelly on trial, and as per agreement to be returned from these islands this fall — I retain the other one price $200.

Will Mr. Hadley be so kind as to see the One sent home is returned to Mr. Kelly taking his receipt for the same

I have been delayed here several days by a man deserting — — have now fulfilled the requirements of the law made and provided for such cases and today leave for a cruise to the Canaries & Cape Verdes — and intend to be at Bermuda in the month of Feb.

The J. W. Wiswell sailed yesterday for N. O. direct with oil — and tomorrow the Freetown sails for Boston with fruit — I regret I could not ship my oil by either of these vessels Both had cargoes engaged on my arrival —

I propose trying the Bahama Banks early in the spring — Please send me all the information you can obtain not forgetting that I shall much regret that my vessel was so very poorly fitted — please write often — My kindest regards to Mrs. Peirce and children believe me Your sincere friend and well wisher

G. B. Borden

No 7

Bk Orean Steed Teneriffe Dec. 17th 1868

Lorenzo Pierce Esqr
New Bedford

Dr Sir I arrived here on the 12th inst from Fayal — Have obtained my water and about 40 Tons of rocks for ballast and intend to sail Saturday the 19th inst for cruise to the Cape De Verdes and to touch at Hamilton Bermuda by the mid of Feby

I could have shipped my oil from this place direct to London at the rate of $1,03 per barrel, But not knowing as such a proceeding would meet your views I concluded not to forward.

I have seen nothing since leaving Fayal

I would not come to an anchor and remain at Fayal on account (or one account) of there being so much short leaves on shore to be obtained by sailors but I believe I disappointed some of the men into the fire by coming here But this is a much safer place for the ship and my men will not get often the chance go ashore

I have something here on Portuguese money, a dollar at Fayal that costs or is worth $1,20 is worth but 95 cts here — There is no sale for Tobacco here at this place

I have nothing to communicate

time in getting the ship in at the dock and getting out oil he was not near the ship and I fear I may be obliged to discharge him for Policy's Sake — I shall discharge the Cook — He obtained a bad disease at Tenereiffe and has not been able to do much since — I shall be obliged to draw on you but as yet cannot say how much — I was in hopes that I should get along with my tobacco without drawing — but some of my crew have made complaint against the Ship for smuggling tobacco thinking to obtain a discharge on the plea that they did not ship in a smuggler — There is no sale for it here and I may be obliged to land it

I forward you Bill of Loading of Oil shipped By Schooner George Brown

Freight paid in Gold by Messrs Middleton & Co at the rate of 40 ct in Gold per Bbl I have here on Oil — also a charge of 45 cts per Bbl — this amount covers all port charges — such as Pilotage — Water &c Please inform me of its safe arrival home.

My respects to Mr. Hoadley and Sir Oblige

Yours Respectfully
G. B. Borden

Master Bk Ocean Steed

No 10

Hamilton Bermuda Feb. 20th 1869

Lorenzo Peirce Esq.
New Bedford

Dr. Sir

As the Steamer Fah Kee sails today for New York I thought I would inform you of how we are getting along — I have shipped all my Oil 387 Bbls by Schooner George Brown as I have previously informed you She sailed on the 13th inst but did not get clear of the land until the 15th

My crew have caused me much trouble here all the boatsteerers and steward bent upon getting their discharge and have done everything they could or dared do to obtain it, The mate also has been very lax and inattentive to his duties — and at one time I felt inclined to discharge all that was dissatisfied Under Protest and come home for another gang; they discharged parties paying all expenses of obtaining another gang as well as the charges occasioned by the detention of the vessel in port — after this manner and no other would I discharge them But these views not meeting their expectations all have excepting the steward returned quietly to their duties again,

Steward the principal instigator of the

trouble finding himself deeply involved in difficulties deserted from the Ship

Their last attempt was to commit the Ship or master for Smuggling tobacco In order to accomplish this the obtained a few pounds of each for use, then collected all in one parcel and sold or deposited it on shore representing that I given it to them to sell

Learning of their intentions I refused them more. Then in order to make up the requisite number of pounds, the Stewart had to steal it — The thing was proven against him and he was liable to a penalty of six years working upon Her Majesty's Roads, — Thougt intercession on his behalf conviction was suspended, But he forfeits all money's and wages due him from the Ship — Since that time I have not seen him — I have discharged the cook He has been sick and off duty with the venereal, and on our arrival he went to a doctor on shore

The doctors and board bills amount to quite a sum which I have paid charging him the same — have made a final settlement with him after the usual custom of this port, paying him in cash his just due and taking his receipt in full of all demands against Paid Bark

Master and Owners, I let having enough to pay his passage home I have advanced him $25 on his brother's account as per order. His brother having been promoted as boatsteerer on the voyage.

The Cook comes home in Steamer Fah Kee.

I have bought $300 worth or have paid out that amount for old chains amount 12 Tons in all, composed of pieces of all sizes and lengths of but little use except old Iron. I have one however that is quite fair 1 1/8 in. of 90 fathoms,

I shall be obliged to draw on you quite an amount in order to meet my expenses here. Have paid out quite a sum on account of my crew.

Shall try to get away from here on Monday or Tuesday next. Should I find whales to the westward after leaving here shall touch here again in June for potatoes. Should I not find whales shall work to the east and touch at Fogal in July or Aug. Then work west again on the Ocean Bleed ground and remain as late as possible and be at home in early winter. This is my plan for the present but I know not what may take place to cause a deviation. My kindest regards to

Mr. Maddox — In haste — Yours Most respectfully

Capt. Freman Jones

Ship Ocean Bleed

W. B. Gerstenberger

No. 11

Hamilton Bermuda Feb. 22nd 1869

Lorenzo Pierce Esqr.
New Bedford

Dr Sir

Again I seat myself to write you a few lines — I am now about ready for sea and intend to sail tomorrow I have lost six men by desertion — Discharged and paid off the Cook — and have shipped six others and shall try to ship a steward tomorrow — I cannot make out much of the mate, he has not been fit for duty any part of the time since our arrival here — When remonstrated with — admits that he has done wrong and that all the trouble is caused by his negligence and promises to do better and never drink another drop — will keep rather straighter one day and the next is as drunk as ever again He does not want to be discharged and oftentimes I get completely out of patience with him.

I draw on you to the amount of $533 20/100 Five Hundred Fifty Five 20/100 Dollars a 10 days — Rate of Exchange ruling @ 5 per ct. at this place — Value received in cash recruits &c $528 76/100 Five Hundred Twenty eight Dollars — Seventy six cents

Three Hundred of this amount I pay out for Old Chains — One Hundred Seventy

Four more as expenses on 387 Bbls of Oil shipped home per Schooner George Brown

This is an expense I am obliged to pay here of 45 cts per Bbl. exclusive of the 40 cts which you pay at home — This 45 cts per Bbl covers all expenses as Pilotage — Fresh Water Light Dues Wharfage — Clearance and all other Port Charges — I take about 350 Bbls of Fresh Water and trust I have enough to last me until Nov. at which time I shall expect to be at home.

Hoping I may be as successfull as the past season I

remain Yours Most Respectfully

A B Boreham

Master Bk Ocean Steed.

No 12

Hamilton Bermuda Feb. 25th 1869

Lorenzo Peirce Esqr
New Bedford

Dr Sir I have discharged the mate for drunkenness and neglect of duties — all along since our arrival here I have had enough with him in hopes that we should soon be at sea and then matters would be all right But it has been growing worse and worse all the time — Yesterday I was ready for sea — sent the Pilot on board to get the ship down the Bay — The mate objected to getting under weigh and resisted the Pilots orders for awhile — quarrelling with him and then went below and turned in drunk — The ship was got under weigh worked down about half a mile and tied up to a buoy for the night and then the Pilot got drunk too, — In the morning sailing on, — time passed and the anchor left us — mate allowed or sent the men on shore for liquor in the night — In the morn Pilot wished to get under weigh — mate did not wish to and the men on a part of them would not — I went on board sent the Pilot on shore and requested the mate to come on shore for his discharge

as I thought. This was most low much that I discharged him at first should have got clear of much trouble and expense. Instead of maintaining discipline he has mingled with the crew, and became as one of them until he has lost all respect for himself or them for him. Under the pretense of bringing some trifling thing he has sent them for, there to get and smuggle liquor on board for him and then he would join in drinking it, giving the boatsteerers and men — Countenancing them in their foolish proceedings he seemed not to care so that he could get home — So has matters proceeded down hill to worse until I thought it for the interest of the service for him to be discharged — In the claim of which I have no malicious feelings to be satisfied — In general as an officer and whaleman I have no fault to find although I have seen better and many worse. He has now reduced himself to such a state that I think it would materially injure the voyage if he should remain aboard the ship — I did not wish to retain even all my officers as we had done well and if anything should happen that we did not do as well the coming

reason it could not be laid to a change of officers — I have not acted hastily or unadviseedly in this matter — masters and merchants know the trouble caused by his drunkenness and men advised me now and to discharge him — and not until I felt satisfied in my own mind that we had better be one officer short than to have him did I consent or forced to discharge him — I have advanced here at various times about 140 Dollars in Gold, giving him an amount of his bill on board ship in Gold to which is to be added the usual Port and Dns, &c I also gave him an order on you for Balance due him on the Cancellation of B/L Drawn Steed. with to date I trust will please make all needful allowances for Gold

I have promoted Mr Sylvia 1st mate and Mr Borden as 2nd mate — There is but one man here that could be induced to go as mate I know nothing of his precedents individually — But his the reputation among the people is of being a tall seaman

the wants £30 advance and the 16th day I think this matter and ship will shall by to get along with my present

gang, — Thursday Feb 25th 1869

I am now about leaving Stonington for a cruise to the West, and on account of discharging the crew I am obliged to draw another Draft on you for the amount of $120 Dollars at 10 days from sight — I trust I may now be able to get to sea

My Respects to Capt. Hatter and all others interested in the Bark Brown & Reed

And Oblige

Yours Respectfully

A. B. Borden

No 8

Hamilton Bermuda Feby 7th 1869

Lorenzo Pierce Esqr
New Bedford

Dr Sir I intend Shipping about 210 Bbls of Sperm Oil by the Schooner George Brown of this place formerly a whaler of Fair Haven — She sails in about a week from the present time, Your kind letter of Jan. 18th was duly handed me by F. S. Darrell Esqr containing a/cs of Shipments to me at this place 20 Bbls potatoes 56 bottle Porter 33 Boxes Bottle beer &c all of which has been duly received by me — The potatoes comes in very acceptable as there is no vegetables to be had here at this season of the year — The George Brown is bound to New York direct — I shall keep the other oil 175 Bbls on Board as the present prices does not warrant shipping it being in the general lier and not liable to leak and I only ship in order to make room for water. I have a long season before me and do not wish to leave the whaling ground for water — The chart instructions is just what I needed as also the abstracts of Bk Navigation — The schooner George F Jones Capt Tabor left here the day

before my arrival — bound to New Bedford Direct — I could do no better in shipping my oil than to ship per Geo. Brown at 40 cts per Bbls payable in New York — Pilotage is rather high and will cost about $36 water 50 cts per 120 gallons I shall take about 250 Bbls on Board and this place and think some of purchasing a couple of cables for ballast I can get them for about 1½ cts per lb. but I do not think of paying quite so much I think this a good place for American ships but very other port than an English port for an English ship

My kindest regards to Mr. Hadley and Sir believe me ever

respectfully Yours

G. W. Borden

No 8 — Not perfect

Bk Ocean Steed April 10th 1869

Lorenzo Peirce Esqr
New Bedford

Dr Sir I do not know
a x line from me now will be worth the postage
I have taken nothing since last bill and seen nothing since leaving home No one would believe it possible to the men we saw whales last fall to cruise over the grounds we have until this time without seeing a x x x I cruised about
of March up to the 1st inst, on the Charleston
Ground without seeing anything and am now work-
ing down to where I saw whales last spring
I saw Capt Cerbo of Bk Stirlin Paid to
Bermuda — he had cruised all winter as the Ishus
Ground — saw whales three times and took 50
Bbls, — this past winter has been a complete
failure with me, but I am in hopes
that we shall yet make up for lost time.
Last season there was many whales seen be-
tween this ground of ours and the Bk I — But
it is no guarantee for there being plenty of whales
on a spot or ground one season that we will be
there the next. Still we have no better cri-
terion to go by in cruising for whales than to cruise
on those spots where we have known whales
to frequent, and as there is so many of those
spots here on the coast that when we
have cruised three or four weeks on one of them

ined seen nothing. It is in my opinion time to move for another, and in this way I shall try to keep moving about until I fall in with whales and then I am in hopes of getting a set,

Should you make settlement with the builders I would say that the oil instead of the ship should have the port charges at Bermuda and the 85 cts per Bbl, — expense in the oil — as cost of shipping includes those charges. And as I wintered at Fayal but none expressly on account of shipping oil that charge also should be borne: It is a big bean about 20 cts per bbl, extra over and above what you paid at home,

I feel anxious to learn how our last shipment arrived home, You may think it strange in me in consigning to Jones, Middleton & Co, instead of shipping direct to you, I did so on account of his being in Savannah and would care for it on its arrival in case that you had not timely notice

Should you return to my wife that mortgage you would confer a favor and

Sir greatly Oblige

Yours Most respectfully

G B, Borden

Bk Ocean Steed May 29th 1869

Lorenzo Peirce Esq.
New Bedford,

Dr Sir

I did not think of writing again without having having something to write about, But as we are about leaving at Fayal I know that you will expect a line from me and I am with regret must say obliged to report clean — In April I cruised up in the Gulf Stream where we saw whales a number of times last Spring but saw nothing there, By the way I have seen a report that the Pilot boat Horse on a cruise in April, got soundings in Lat. 41°.25', Long 63°.10' — in 49 fathoms, sandy bottom

This is just on the northern edge of my ground and I cruised all about there in April and saw nothing but green water — I did not — sound, however — In fact I have seen nothing but green water from there to, nearly up to the islands, all the way across, north or south, go whichever way I may, all or nearly all was green water — only now and then a small patch of blue —

I cannot account for it unless the Banks have shifted to the eastward, Constant gales from the West have been blowing into the mid, of May, The wind and Observations from the from the 1st of April up to the 25th of May,

and with the constant gales from the West we have had a very strong easterly current. As far south as the Lat. of 34° I experienced a strong easterly set, and also found green water.

I have seen nothing but one that I could call Spawn Waters. When it was blowing a gale with rain and they going north to Punishoward. I tried hard to hold up there but could not against the strong gales and currents.

This was near the Ocean Steed ground and it is the only place that I have seen that looked like a whole ground, since leaving it last fall. I have considerable faith in that place. Still this spring it was covered with green water.

One month ago I some thought that I might have acted injudicious in taking the route that I did. but I can hear of no ship that has done anything this last winter either north or south, and had I reached winter before we think I might have the same general route again, subject of course to such little variation as I might choose, to make.

I intend now on trying the Morris ground and should I get oil there shall push there again in a few days. but I should not be able to find whether to the west of July shall work to the West for the Ocean Steed ground.

Five months out we had taken all over oil

since then

And have been eight months since without taking anything "One extreme bottom another" said I think it about time for a change. I shall not give up the idea but what we shall yet obtain a "set" until the last day of Oct. If we get nothing by that time I shall think that our chance is small for this season.

I hear that there has been quite a number of sperm whales seen recently there in this strip. At Sta, Cruz & Flores they have had boats impressed & dilled about two days ago they saw a whale close to the land. They went off with the boats and struck two large ones fastened lines from one and cut line to the other. After cutting the line the whale came out close to and then could have struck again but had no chance. So must be in hall dilled. The best way to save oil and craft in whaling is to carry plenty in the boat & are not apt to lose line if you have one long that a whale cannot sound it out.

I hear that Mr. Lahaye & Dahneyer & Sons have also fitted two boats for a shore fishery at Fayal.

My kindest regards to Mr. Headley and Sir believe me

Sincerely and respectfully yours

G. B. Borden

This letter was handed to one of the firm by me July 27 or 28th 1869

Messrs Chas W. Dabney & Sons,
Fayal W. I.

Gentlemen

In accordance with your wishes I will now give you my views in regard to the alterations to be made in the ~~Pele, &c~~ Acoso to make her suitable for whaleing,

As the mainmast is too small for the business, I think it desirable to rig her into a bark, and in doing so it will be necessary to step the mainmast some four or six feet further aft, This will make a good roll-way which is very much needed between the mast and main hatchway, The forward end of the house can be cut off some six feet, then we can carry two boats upon it,

In fitting the blubber room it will be necessary to put in an extra beam beneath the room, between the two that is already there, This will give support to the blubber room and bring the ship, much strain comes against the side about the water-line in cutting a whale to the leeward - The Union was French, - Mr. Willis and Addison obliged to leave the whaleing ground, on account of injuries received by cutting to the leeward,

I forgot to mention to Mr. Dennis to put

a bitt or post; similar to the one forward, for flute chain; put through the deck just forward of the mainhatch and close to it, amidships or if close to mast on port side, to secure Hoeard chain — also check, in bulwarks, with iron horse pin in it within six feet of forward part of gangway for the Hoeard chain to lead through.

We shall need a Tank of fifty or a hundred bbls, capacity for Hoeard and Oil. The space between the engine-mast and hatch will be a good place to set it to set — One side, of the lone boat can be fitted up for the boatsteerers, and the other for sails and rigging bin, scuttle butt, potatoe bins or anything else desirable.

In arranging for the boats I should place the after Davits at the after end of the house, the forward davit on port side, abreast the fore rigging so that the davit falls may lead over the fore hatch way.

The Davits for both large and small boat should be 22½ ft. apart — Bearers, 11 ft. apart forward one 4½ ft. from forward davit.

Try-works, for 180 Gal. Pots — should be 8 ft Square; including hearth; excluding cabose trough, for which an allowance of four inches more on deck is to be made — Pots should be set; with ten inches from hearth; and back twenty inches from front of works, — The width of one brick at the sides of the Pots is sufficient but

lower down abreast the fires there should be two or three

In fitting and altering I shall ask for no change to be made; no article for use, more than what is really necessary or different from what I should furnish, were I sole owner;

Nothing for show or ornament; no useless cumbersome article do I wish for; but tools fitted for service and all the necessary accoutrements for catching whales and taking care of Oil.

Should you purchase Guns & Bombs; get the large; — they cost no more — are just as likely to go in — and will do twice the execution of the small. I prefer those irons that the Wecade shuts inside the shanks —

I suppose that the C.N.B. lines are as good as any — Am in favor of Hemp Iron stops.

Are you willing that I should furnish the stops & for the Crew during the voyage?

Can I bring them with me when I come out?

And please inform me of the amount you intend advancing men on shipping at Fayal.

As it will not be desirable for me to remain at Fayal long; before sailing you will please inform me the letter when you have the vessel ready for sea; and I will endeavor to be on hand.

I feel highly flattered in your preference,

in admitting me to the command of the House;
for the which, please accept my sincere thanks
In my future conduct I shall strive to merit
your esteem and admiration, and hope I may
prove worthy the trust and confidence you thus
~~reposed~~ placed in me.

I cannot say how much oil we may ~~shall~~ get:
or what we shall do; but; this I can say;
"We shall try" and if a fair knowledge of,
and a strict attention to the business will in-
sure success — and I believe it ~~does~~ will then may we
expect for the cause to get some oil.

Should you at any times wish to consult me
in anything in regard to the vessel I shall be hap
py to comply with your wishes. From this
and what I have heretofore said you will
have a general idea of my views.

On my arrival at New Bedford I shall expect
a line from you, among other particulars stating
the time of the sailing of the House.

And this I oblige
Your Most Obt. Servt
G. B. Borden

Master Bk Ocean Steed

Fayal July 28th 1869

Lorenzo Peixoto Esqr
New Bedford.

Dr Sir

I am now about leaving here for the W. in the Pacific Ocean Steed Ground — am in hopes of getting some oil before I come home — sorry in store have obtained very results here — Have obtained only 50 Bbls of Oil since leaving here two months ago — seen whales but once for the last eight months

I enclose you Draft on Chas W Dabney & Co of Boston Drawn ten Days after sight for $160 One Hundred and Sixty Dollars, currency — Have nothing of interest to write about

My kindest regards to Mr Hadley

And Sir Oblige

Yours, Most respectfully
G B Borden

Master Bk Ocean Steed.

Bk Ocean Steed Aug 10th/69

Messrs. Chas. W. Dabney & Sons
Fayal

Gentlemen

While at Fayal I forgot to ask if you had a good Chronometer for the Bk Cadiz, also about Charts. Will you be so good as to inform me what you have, and for fear that "Spare-poles and boats-masts may be overlooked I would hereby call them to mind please answer and Oblige

Yours Most Obediently
G. B. Borden

Put on board sailing vessel for Fayal about first of July;

Bk Ocean Steed Aug 16th 1869

Lorenzo Pierce Esqr
New Bedford

Dr Sir

As I have leisure I will send you a line to inform you that we are all well, and although we have seen no sight for oil this season are in hopes of yet getting a out,

We are now on the Green Steed Ground arrived here three days ago, and although we are early, saw whales the day we arrived We were in Co, with Bk. Friends — She being to windward raised whales, and took one,

We worked hard all day to get up, and as the sun sunk below the horizon the whale went down within a quarter of a mile of the boat,

It was extremely provoking; but it could not be helped; all did their best,

The whales were larger ones, and had the O, of been a fair sailer we should ~~have~~ probably have got a hundred barrel whale,

The sailing qualities are the only poor ones about the Ocean Steed! No better "Sea-boat can be built I'm — is handy and convenient — and since I balanced her is much better than before and can take care of a whale in rugged weather as well as any one,

I have everything that can be asked for, in regard to boats and gear for catching whales and every convenience for taking care of oil that can possibly be had in a small vessel. No vessel can be better fitted for an Atlantic whaler, and if her sailing qualities would only compare with her many other excellent ones no better vessel could be built from the same amount of wood and iron. I must say on her good qualities as a "Sea boat".

In the "great hurricane of Sept 1869" in the Gulf Stream, when many vessels were foundered — "the schooner B. C. Dodge was torn to pieces" and the Ship "Com Morris lost some of her spars" The little "Bk Ocean Steed was close by "lying like a duck" riding it out snugly and I trust, and scarcely "ruffled a feather" during the entire blow.

So far this season vessels have done but very little, and the general complaint is a scarcity of whales — all the old grounds have failed.

I intend to remain here as long as possible or until the Western gales set in so strong as to be useless to remain longer Hoping that I may get yet a good out.

We only desire to see whales and I have full confidence to believe we shall get Oil.

Enclosed please find — Draft at sight on Elwell Stone payable to your order for $1128.80 in Gold

You will please collect the same and place it to the cr. of Bk Ocean Steed, as also the Draft I forwarded you from Faial — Drawn ten days sight on Thos. W. Dabney Esq. of Boston for $160 Currency.

Trusting that soon you may hear a more favorable report from Bk Ocean Steed I remain Your Most Obt. Servt.

G. B. Borden.

New Bedford Dec. 22nd 1869

Messrs Charles W Babcock & Sons

Fayal W. I.

Gentlemen

On arriving here in barque Ocean Steed was disappointed in not finding a line from you, but was more disappointed in not receiving anything by Freeman & B Everett.

Capt. W Green has informed me that you have sold the boats and intend to give up the business — I have written to your house in Boston making inquiries regarding the truth of the above, and received answer that I should have received letters for L B Everett from Fayal, and wishing also to see me board the boat for the Azuso

Today I intended to visit B. but on account of a storm coming on shall postpone until tomorrow

Should you conclude to quit please inform me the earliest opportunity that I may have a little time in looking up my officers

Please also to inform me about your barometer for the Azuso as that Barometer Thermometer &c

The Azuso needs to be fitted out in order to cruise in the Gulf Stream in Oct and Nov, — I need store the O.S. to

pieces in Cutting a large potato in four
dividing and taking the pieces so as to
be unfit for use

The Theodosia would be a fine vessel to
cruise there — I do not think that the
business will warrant fitting for moderate
weather in the C. A. C. but with a good
vessel and a good gang I think that there
is potatoes to be found in high latitudes and
in and about the Gulf Stream

Please give me all the particulars
about getting you can

And Sirs Obliged
Yours Most Respectfully
C. B. Borden

P. S. Please direct to 623 Thomas St
N. Y.

N. Y.
Oct 25

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New Bedford Dec. 27th 1869

Messrs. Chas. W. Sabin & Sons
Royal W. C.

Gentlemen

Expected on my arrival home in N.B. to have found a line or two from you giving me some instructions in regard to boat and gear for the Bk Odessa, —

I R.D getting none and receiving none for the same I thought I'd write some correspondence with Capt W. Green who informed me that you had offered the Bk Cholchis for sale. That you had and that you had concluded not to sell. I was undecided about fitting the Odessa

I immediately wrote to your house in Boston making enquiries in regard to your fitting the Odessa receiving answer that I should hear to this from Captain Jas Sawyer C. F. R. Everett, and that they wished to see me about the boats for the Odessa I made all diligent search for letter per Sawyer C. F. R. Everett but could find none, and in three days after receiving letter from Boston I received a letter from them stating that they were hoping and expecting to see me in Boston, I to the 23rd.

I went to Boston — saw Capt Hunter — went on board the Fredonia — saw and talked with your partner, but could give but little

information in regard to your fitting the Acasa;
I could not understand why they wished to see me in Boston in regard to boats, as in conversation said they had not any authority to do anything about them, and the sum and substance of their wish to see me was that I might go to E Boston and look at some boats there, also stated that they had learned I had engaged one of to another vessel and had written to you accordingly, I do not know upon what authority they should thus write you, I have not engaged myself to another vessel, nor do I intend to until it is quite decided about your fitting. I have had several offers but I have given them but little attention as I considered myself engaged to sail for you, and have expected all along to do so and made arrangements accordingly.
If you have not given up the idea of fitting I hope that you will forward your instructions at the earliest opportunity, It will be impossible for me to get my boats built, hires shipped &c while the Fredonia remains at Boston on her usual time and that the F, can bring but two boats, and we need three or four — I think it will not pay to fit vessels for moderate weather whaling in the S. O.

New Bedford Jany. 24th 1870

Messrs Chas W. Rodney & Co
Boston

Gentlemen — Yours of the 19th inst came duly to hand on the 22 on my arrival home from Fall River — In answer I would say that I do not as yet feel authorized to order a boat built for the season,

I have not inquired particularly into the matter, but the boats will be inside of the figures I forwarded you — something depends upon their completeness of fitting

I am waiting to hear from Fayal, and have expected here this to have had something definite from there

I have had several good offers from this place and unless I hear something from Fayal soon shall look around and see what inducements is held out in this place — Heretofore I have rejected all offers, depending upon sailing from Fayal, but unless some movement is soon made we shall necessarily loose the best part of the season & wish to be on the whole ground by the mid of April

Yours Truly
Geo B. Brewster
Care Master of Ex Ocean Street

Saw Addison chasing Sperm Whales

Wednesday, Oct. 20th 1869

Comes in with fine weather and light breezes from the S.W. but with a short choppy swell, on — at 8 A.M. saw the Addisons boats down chasing whales — lowered all three of ours and sent them down where the A's were — at 11 they went along side of the Addison and learned by the Capt. that the whales had not been seen for more than two hours — Then turned on board and arrived at 1½ P.M. — at 6 P.M. spoke the Addison she had taken nothing since we last saw her.

Lat 40.42
Long 47.58

Thursday, Oct. 21st 1869

Comes in with squally weather with smoke and rain — Ship to the wind cruising to the W. in company with Bk Addison — saw one or two finbacks and small White water several times — nothing more in sight — at 6 P.M. received on board from Bk Addison 2 casks of Sperm Oil 418 gallons, consigned to Lorenzo Peirce of New Bedford

Lat 40.42
Long 48.08

Friday Oct 22nd 1869

Comes in with light baffling airs from the N.E. and good weather. Ship cruising with all sail out in co with Bk Addison nothing in sight all day but Blackfish & Porpoises } Lat at Merd 40.31 Long by Chro. 48.10

Saturday Oct 23rd 1869

Comes in with light baffling airs and calms — airs from N.E. — and fine weather — at 7 A.M. saw Bk Addison's boats down, whaling — — Soon after saw the whales coming to windward quite quick — lowered all three boats — but before they could get to the whales, the Addsons boats had gallied them, Both Ship boats chasing all day and got nothing, — Whales going N.W. after gallied — N.E. before Capt. Cornell of Bk Addison had a very bad attack of cramp in the stomach, brought on, no doubt by over exertion

Lat at Merd 40.41
Long by Chro. 47.18
BB

Wm. Allen Whales
Jr. Co with Bk Addison

Sunday Oct. 24th 1869
Comes in with light baffling airs from the E. & N.E. and calms all hands cruising to the W. & N.W. in Co with B.R. Addison — Saw nothing all day. — Capt Barnell rather better today but still very weak

Lat at Merid. 40° 55'
Long by Chro. 47° 15'

Monday Oct 25th 1869
Comes in with light baffling airs from the N.E. and fine pleasant weather — Ship cruising by the wind to the S.E. B.R.'s Addison and Osceola and Ship Com. Morris in sight at 7 saw Sperm Whales off & lowered and chased with all three boats — Whales going S.W. — Bulls & Cows — at 10 Starb boat struck, — killed him and started towing him to ship other boats chased until 3 P.M. without success. Took the whale to the ship by 3 — Saw the Com. Morris and B.R. Osceola chasing the same Whales, they going S.E. & S.W. — Lat by Obs. 40 53
Long by Chro. 47° 16

Number Sperm Whales 1
Number Bowhead 0
Number Humpback 0

Tuesday Oct. 26th 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from S. E. and quite fine weather but somewhat squally with rain — Ship cruising to the E and W. with all sail but mainsail on, boiling two sail — whalers in sight — The Com. Morris and the Addison see nothing more all day — at 4½ spoke Com. Morris — boiling — had taken 110 since last saw her — at 9 finished boiling while turning up 25 Bbls

Lat 40.52
Long 47.04

Wednesday Oct. 27th 1869

Comes in with light baffling winds from the S. E. and squally weather — Moved the Oil in the Blubber Room, — saw the Bk. Addison boiling and at 8½ saw her boats down chasing — at 9 saw the whales and lowered all three boats, and chased until 2 P. M. — Bk Ad. took a large whale — Com. Morris got a sleven boat, — all the P. M very bad rainy weather — Shifted sail into to the W. P. Lat by Obs. 40.50
Long by Chro. 47.28

Sun — Charles Morris
Bk Addison York

Thursday Oct 28th 1869

Comes in with a gale of wind from the S. and rainy weather — Ship by the wind to the W.S.W. under lower topsails and stay sails — wind hauling gradually to the W. at 3 P.M. had got into the N. and at sunset quite moderate — Ship by the wind to the W.N.W. — Saw One sail standing to the W.

Lat. by Pole Star at 6 P.M. 40.47
Long. by Chro. at 4½ P.M. 47.43

Fryday Oct 29th 1869

Comes in with strong gales from the N.E. and clear weather — Ship steering to the S. with all prudent sail out. at 6½ A.M. saw Sperm Whales going very quick to the N.E. They had probably seen the ship before daylight — Saw nothing more all day. — Ship cruising on different tacks

Lat at Merd. 40.31
at 7 P.M. by P. Star Lat. 40.41
Long. by Chro. 48.02

Raised By Williams

Saw Sperm Whales
Lat. of Whales 40.45 Long 45

Saw Sperm Whales
Short Boat made a blunder

Saturday Oct 30th 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the E. and fine pleasant weather — Ship cruising on different tacks and courses — cruising — at 8 A.M. discovered that the Head of the main-topmast was sprung — Set Carpenters to work making a new one — at 23½ P.M. Raised Sperm Whales — 20 minutes past 4 lowered all three boats Starb boat got on, or near a Whale without seeing him, while running in the blaze of the Sun, And gallied the School, there being six large Ones, in the school.

Whales going N. per compass.

Saw also in the P.M. Black fish and porpoises — Whales were raised by Mr. Sylvia — Lat at Mert, 40.56
Long by Chro. 48.00

Lat. of Whales 40.48
Long of do 48.08

Sun Sets Sperm Whales
Work off W. Point
One large One No W. Point

Sunday, Oct 31th 1869

All day strong breezes from the S and somewhat squally with a heavy cross choppy sea on, and among tide rips all day — Ship by the wind to the S.S.W. with all prudent sail out cruising. At 1½ P.M. raised Sperm Whales going quick to the windward — S.S.E. so quick that we did not lower for them. At 3 P.M. raised another school going quick to windward also, but being to the leward we lowered all three boats for them — soon the Waist boat struck a large one; and after much trouble killed him and by 8 P.M. took him to the ship — we call it 100 Bbl whale.

Lat, at Mord 40.54
Long by chro. 47.45

Tuesday Nov. 2d 1869

All day strong gales from the S and squally weather — Hooked on to the whale, and cut his body in, after trying for the Head for several hours, finally let it remain on the carcass alongside — Delano went below sick & being overboard a long time Manuel Joseph was hurt by the head chain Lat. 41.12 Long 46.35

Monday Nov. 1th 1869

All day strong gales from the S.
and squally weather. Hooked on to
the Whale and cut his body in
tried for his head for a long time
but rough weather and head sinking
heavy could do but little with it
at 4 P.M. had the body all in
and then started the works
Saw the Com. Morris, supposed
her to be boiling

Lat at Merd 41.04
Long by Chro. 46.54

Wednesday Nov. 3rd 1869

All day gales of wind from the S.W.
and bad weather. Ship lying quietly
with the carcass and Head attached a-
longside. Made an attempt to cut
the Head in but found the weather
too rough, — finished boiling the
body and stowed about 70 bbls
the oil in the fore hold.

Lat at Merd 41.38
Long by Chro. 47.22

Thursday Nov. 4th 1869

All Day strong winds from the W. and a heavy choppy sea on running in all directions — at 8 A.M. hooked on to the Head and after much trouble got the Junk in losing much oil from it as also all of the Case but are in hopes of getting enough to make up 100 Bbls from the whale,

Lat at Merd, 41.40
Long. by Chro, 47.40

Friday Nov. 5th 1869

Strong breezes from the S and squally weather with much rain — Ship ly to the wind to the W cruising, Watch employed in boiling — at 11 raised Sperm Whales going quick to the N. there being a large school of Cows and Calves lowered all three boats and took a small one to Starb. boat — rowing very hard did not chase the school for as they did not bring to In the P.M. Cut the Whale Ashore 90 Bbls

Lat at Merd, 41.04
Long by Chro, 47.45

Sam Fish Cal. 10 Sperm Whales

Have Seen the most of the Whales in Water the temperature of Water is 63,

Saturday Nov. 6th 1869

all day strong gales from the N.W. and somewhat squally weather, Ship working to the W. under easy sails finished boiling and stowed the oil about 40 Bbls in the fore hold at 11½ A.M. saw a school of Sperm Whales going very quick to windward — lowered two boats but before the boats could get up to the Whales they had got passed to the windward — raised them breeching — Cows and Calves, going N.W. per compass

Lat at Meridian 40.43
Long by Chro. 47.10

Sunday Nov. 7th 1869

All day moderate breezes from the N.W. and Cloudy weather but a smooth sea — no tide rips — winds very baffling — Ship working to the W. with all sail on but Main topgallt sails nothing in sight all day, — find a very strong S.E. set carrying us off 36 miles to the E in the last 24 hours besides what we have sailed in ostemming the current —

Water 64
Air 64

Lat at Merid 40.26
Long by Chro. 46.25

Monday Nov. 8th 1869

comes in with light varying airs and calms and fine days & weather employ working to the N.W. with all sail set, Bk. Addison in sight — at 8 spoke her, had taken One White 15 Bbls. and another in Co. with Com. Morris that made 68 Bbls giving each Ship 234 Bbls., since last we saw her, she also was working to the N.W. Reports a few days previous Bk Oscar Hogan 540 Bbls Sperm all told, also Ship Com. Morris 1040 Bbls all told — Took as passenger, a seamen with a fractured arm from Bk Addison — Compared Chronometers and found them to agree with six miles

Lat. at Merd. 40.15
Long. by Chro. 46.34

Tuesday Nov. 9th 1869

all day strong S.W. winds and cloudy weather — Shift to the wind heading N.W. with all prudent sail set — Saw one fin back — at sunset Addison passed us to the windward experienced a strong easterly set

Lat at Merd 41.04
Long by Chro. 47.30

Wednesday Nov. 10th 1869

First part light airs and baffling from the S.W. and overcast — Mid part of the day nearly calm — at night blowing strong from S.W. — Ship by the wind all day working to the W. on different tacks — In the A.M. saw one sail steering to the E., in the P.M. saw two schools of Blackfish — Water Green and warm, temp. 68° — sent in fibb and put on a new rope to it — Carpenter making a topmast.

Lat. at Merd. 41.26
Long by Chro. 48.26

Thursday Nov. 11th 1869

all day rainy weather and light baffling winds from all parts of the compass — Ship working to the W. The wind being so rough concluded to leave the ground — Saw one sail and two schools of porpoises — Water Green and warm, temp. 68°

Lat by Calc. 41.30
Long by Chro. 49.29

Friday Nov. 12th 1869

all latter part of the night and fore part of the day blowing a heavy gale from S.W. with rain and heavy squalls at 8 A.M. wind changed to the W and quite moderate and clear the remainder of the day and almost calm — Ship to the wind to the N. — Took in Waist boat and put her upon the Bearers, also took in Cutting Stage and making ready for rough weather at 6 P.M. light airs from N.W. I tacked Ship heading W. to N. Saw One sail steering to the E.

Lat at Merd. 42.06
Long by Chro. 50.08

Saturday Nov. 13th 1869

all day light baffling winds from the N and E. with rain — Ship steering W. N.W. per compass — One sail in sight steering to the E — P.M. the A.M. changed Topsails — repaired flying jibb and maintopgallt stuns'sail at night light airs from the N and a heavy swell from the W.

Lat at Merd. 42.15
Long by Chro. 50.16

Sunday Nov. 14th 1869

In the A.M. strong breezes from the N.W. and clear weather Having been calm all night — at 6 A.M. a breeze springing up from N.W. bringing rain with it — at 8 A.M. cleared up and remained clear all day until 3 P.M. when it came in overcast. The wind hauling from N.W. to S and round to S.E. and at sunset raining again — All day a constant heled swell from the W.N.W. deadening the Ships headway very much I think for the last 24 hours there has been a small current in our favor

Lat. at Merd. 41.56
Long. by chro. 50.39

Monday Nov. 15th 1869

First part much rain and strong gales from the S.E. accompanied with heavy thunder and sharp, vivid lightning — Ship steering N.W. by W. with all prudent sail out with strong gales from S.E. from 1 to 3 P.M. Ship lying to under lower main topsail — In the P.M. light drizzling showers from the S.E. and overcast

Lat. at Merd. 42.20
Long. by chro. 52.12

Tuesday Nov. 16th 1869
All day strong gales from the S.W. and heavy squalls with rain. Ship lying to under lower maintopsail and staysails heading S.E. by S per compass
Nothing in sight all day
Lat at Merd. 42.48
Long by Chro. 52.48

Wednesday Nov. 17th 1869
All day strong gales from the S.W. and overcast with squalls of rain. The wind about 3 A.M. changing from S.W. to S.E. Ship steering W.S.W. at 4 more moderate and made sail
Lat at Merd. 42 48
Long by Chro. 53.10

Thursday Nov. 18th 1869
All day fresh breezes from S.S.E. and cloudy weather and in the P.M. rain the wind springing up from the E and and freshened as it hauled to the S. all day working round at night strong with rain from the S. In the P.M. washed ship. Nothing in sight all day.
Lat at Merd. 42.20
Long. by Chro. 55.41

Friday Nov. 19th 1869

all day light baffling airs from the N and NW and fine pleasant weather — Ship by the wind to the W with all sail out steering for home — Watch employed cleaning craft, iron work &c. — One sail in sight to the W S W

Lat. at Merd. 42 „ 15
Long. by Chro. 56 „ 45

Saturday Nov. 20th 1869

Comes in with light baffling airs from the E & N E and fine pleasant weather Ship steering W S W with all sail out — Watch employed about decks — One sail in sight steering to the W S W

Lat. at Merd. 42 „ 21
Long. by Chro. 58 „ 12

Sunday Nov. 21st 1869

Comes in with strong S E gales and fog ship steering W ½ N per compass all day — Nothing in sight all day — set up fore maintopmast back stays as the rigging and cross-trees had settled down around the head of the mast — We did fear that the head of the mast was spring but now think that it is not

No Obs

Monday Nov. 22nd 1869

Comes in with strong N.W. gales and cloudy weather the wind having chang about 12 at night from S. to N.W. bringing much rain — Ship by the wind to the W.S.W. all day — saw one sail steering to the E. at sunset wind baffling

Lat. at Merd. 41.21
Long. by Chro. 63.30

Tuesday Nov. 23rd 1869

Comes in with light baffling airs from the N.W. and clear weather — hej — to the wind to the W.S.W. with all sail out. — nothing in sight — at 10 A.M. tacked ship heading N.N.E. at 12 M calm — watch employed cleaning the ship on the outside

Lat at Merd. 40.36 N
Long by Chro. 65.10 W.

Wednesday Nov. 24th 1869

Comes in with fresh breezes from the S. E. and overcast Ship steering W b N with all sail out Nothing in sight all day but one sail which was by the wind to the S. at 4 P.M. comes in rainy with fresh from the E b S E and hauling to the E. — at 11 hauled suddenly to the N blowing very heavy indeed with a very heavy cross chopping sea on — took in all sail but lower maintopsail and hove to heading up W N.W. — raining heavy in squalls

Lat at Merd 40.28
Long by Chro. 67.02

Thursday Nov. 25th 1869

Comes in with a heavy gale from the N with Rain — Ship lying to under lower maintopsail heading up S.W. at 7 wind rather lulled — set Miz. and foretopmast staysails — at 10 set fore topsail and kept ship W S.W. — at 11 shipped a heavy sea carrying away every way board. Lash-rail & stb'd a large quantity of bulwarks on both sides & filled decks full of water a large quantity washing down into the cabin — breaking one or two lights in the cabin & light and doing other damage

at 11 unshipped in 30 fathoms — 3 anchors — fine sand
In line to S. M. moderated down
made sail and kept W S.W.
Lat 40.28

Fryday Nov. 26th 1869

Comes in with light airs from the E and fine weather — Ship by the wind to the W.S.W. with all sail on sounded at 12 at night in 46 fathoms mud — & judged ourselves S of Nantucket Shoals — In the morn saw several sail and two Steamers — all the A.M. light airs from S.W. all the P.M. calm — Sounded at 12 M. in 54 fathoms — Mud, at 7 P.M. a light breeze from N.W. and clear weather

Lat. at Merd 40°.24
Long at M. 71 00

Being about 60 miles S of Cuttyhunk Light

New Bedford Jany. 27th 1870

Messrs Chas. W. Dabney Jr. & Co

Boston

Gentlemen

Yours of the 25th inst is at hand — You state that yours, by "Fredonia", was definite in regard to ordering Boats built for the Cruise under my supervision, I understood you to say on my visit to Boston that you had no authority to act in this matter, and I can say that I have received no authority or instructions to order Boats built for the cruise, I have received no letters from Fayal by the mail you speak of, ~~and I wish to ask of you if the~~

Yours Truly

J. G. Pease

New Bedford Jany. 31st 1870

Messrs. Chas. W. Dabney, Jr & Co,
Boston

Gentlemen

Yours of the 28th inst came duly at hand, and by its final clause I suppose it you intend it to end the correspondence on your part,

In your second letter to me you stated that you wished to see me about the boats for the Acaso. Accordingly I visited your City for no other purpose than to make the necessary arrangements about the Boats and other matters pertaining to the fitting the Acaso, ~~In your advice and~~ to you I stated verbally in the presence of witness, my readiness and willingness to enter upon my duties and perform my part of the agreement existing between Messrs. Chas. W. Dabney & Sons at Fayal and myself, in carrying out a certain contract plated whaling voyage in the Acaso,

You distinctly stated to me in the presence of that witness that you had no power or ~~authority~~ to act in the matter and consequently could give me no authority to build Boats or do anything else and only requested me to go to East Boston and look at some boats and to ascertain date of Jany. 19. you say, "unless you put the price of Boats in C.B., on my arrival I prove unwilling to proceed without further in-

instructions or agreement with the house at Fayal on your own account we see no reason for not ordering the Boats built at once." To this I would say that I have received no instructions from Fayal in regard to building of Boats & shipping of officers — days and allowances to be given them &c as per agreement, Neither have I received any instructions or authority whatever from you.

Under date of Jany. 28th you say that the order from Fayal for the Boats to be built under my supervision was definite! If so you have neglected to furnish me with the proper authority to act.

Again you say. "What we intended to say to you when there was that we would order the Boats under your supervision but if there was any doubt in your mind as to the agreement between yourself and others (which then we felt) we had no authority to order the boats." I do not know what meaning you intended to convey by the words, I understood you to say that you had no authority to act in the matter, As regards the doubts in my mind concerning the agreement I distinctly stated to you that I came to offer myself as fearful to carry out my part of the agreement. as the

order to you from Fagal for the Boots was definite, and you have neglected to furnish me with the same. I can see no reason why you should not be held responsible for any damages that may arise therefrom, I have been at some expense and been some time detained from making other agreements on account of this. ~~Upon~~ On the receipt of yours of the 28th inst and learning that your order from Fagal was definite and you have neglected to furnish me with authority to act on behalf of the Acase ~~my opinion is by this act on your part~~ ~~I therefore~~ ~~the contract~~ ~~that~~ the agreement between Mess. W. Debner & Sons and myself, becomes ~~null and~~ annulled and that I consider myself at ~~full~~ liberty to make other arrangements

Yours Truly
J. P. Bender

New Bedford Feb. 2nd 1870

Wm. S. Danforth Esq.

Sir

Will you please inform me by return of mail if there is any encumbrance on the real estate of Patrick Butts of Mattapoisett, or if he has conveyed the same by deed or otherwise to Joseph A. Butts if so please send me the cost of obtaining a copy of the same and I will remit by mail

and oblige

Yours respectfully
G. H. Borden

No 63 Thomas St. N.B.

New Bedford Feb 7th 1870

Mr. Lorenzo Peirce Agent of
Bark Ocean Weed

Dr. Sir

I hereby advise you that it is not my intentions to fit the 23/16 of Bark Ocean Weed of which I am owner and shall pay no portion of the bills accruing for the outfits of the said Bark from this date

You will therefore consider yourself fully notified that I entire by dissent from paying any portion of expenses of said Bark from this date

Yours respectfully
E B Borden

New Bedford Feb. 9th 1870

A. G. Boyden Esq.
Bridgewater

Dear Sir

Our daughter — aged sixteen — we wish to place in the charge of some competent and responsible person or persons who will be responsible for her conduct while we — her parents — are absent on a whaling voyage

We also wish for her to obtain the advantages of your most excellent school, in preparing her for teaching

At present she is attending the Parker St. Grammer school in this city — C. E. Mosher principal — is studious and ambitious to become a teacher. — has always stood in this school — say two years — 100% for attendance and deportement — can bring good recommendations from her principal and teachers as a good scholar.

We should not think of sending her to your school until she had graduated from the High School in this city were it not for the reason that her brother goes to sea with me

And we think as she intends con

ing to your school in order to finish her education she had better come now and not be changing from school to school and place to place while we are absent,

We wish for her to be punctual in attending church and sabbath school, as she ever has been, and spend her evenings at home wherever that may be,

What I mean is; "that we do not wish for her to be out nights"

If the facilities of your school will answer these requirements, or if she can be placed in some private family and obtain the advantages spoken of, you would confer a favor by answering this, and appoint a time and place for a verbal interview if necessary — and if our daughter must visit you before examination day? and ask and all questions that may suggest themselves pertaining to the matter before us

and Sir Oblige

Yours respectfully
E B Borden

please address to 63 Thomas St. N.Y.

New Bedford Feb. 18th 1870

Messrs Chas. W. Babcock & Sons

Fayal

Gentlemen

Your kind favor of the 15th inst, came duly to hand yesterday and I can say that I sincerely regret that any misunderstanding should have taken place in regard to the Casco. But rest assured gentlemen that I have acted uprightly and honestly in this matter and feel to blame none except the House in Boston who should be held responsible for all misunderstandings.

Not receiving anything from you on my arrival home and to the last trip of the Freedonia I wrote making inquiries of the House in Boston regarding the matter. In answer they stated they wished to see me in regard to the Boats for the Casco. Visiting Boston on the 23rd of Dec, I stated to Mr. Chas that I had come down according to request to see about the Boats for the Casco. He answered that he had no authority to act in the matter and could do nothing about them. I thought it strange after complying with his request that he should answer me in such a manner

but more strange that nothing had been done for the boat. Although it would be late when the Fredonia returned again I was willing to wait for her to do so in order to honorably meet and fulfill my agreement with you, and stated to him that I came for the purpose and was then ready and willing to fulfill the requirements of the same and wished for him to forward to you my readiness to fulfill the same.

Thinking that he had no power to authorize me to Build Boats I felt willing to wait until such time as we might hear from you and made inquiries as regards the most expeditious way of communicating with you. And when I wrote you, I supposed the House in Boston had no authority to act in the matter.

On the 19th of Jan. I received a line from Boston stating that their letter to the Fredonia was explicit in regard to having Boats Built for the Cruso. Supposing these were letters to you (making inquiries in regard to Boats) instead of being from you to them as instructions. On the 20th they wrote that the letter to them from W. Babney & Sons was definite in regard to ordering the Boats Built for the Cruso. Still they did not

forward me any order or instructions in regard to Boats or any thing else,

Knowing that as I had offered myself as being willing and anxious to carry out any instructions from them in regard to the contemplated voyage. On the 28th I received another line but no order or instructions to proceed and all this time parties were in waiting to build Boats as soon as I should receive an order

I also had a man in view for mate but receiving nothing in regard to these things from you he thought it not prudent to wait longer, after waiting some weeks and consequently left himself at liberty to engage with other parties

Now why has the House in Boston withheld from me the proper power and instructions in this matter,? Knowing as they did that I was ready to fulfill them, They at first denied of having any authority then afterward admitted that the order to them by the Freedom in which shows that they held the order when I saw them in Boston

The time was passing and I saw no more prospect of obtaining orders and instructions than I did the month before

The best chances for ships and officers

were being taken up and in justice to myself I did not consider it prudent to wait longer depending upon uncertainties therefore in answer I wrote that by not receiving orders and instructions from them I considered our agreement void and left us liberty to ship with other parties

Believe me when I say I deeply regret that an misunderstanding should have taken place

Yours Most Respectfully

E P Borden

New Bedford Feb. 18th 1870

Messrs Chas M Dabney & Co
Boston

Gentlemen —

Yours of yesterday is at hand and would say that the letter you speak of from C. W. Dabney & Sons is also at hand you call ~~my~~ attention to mine of Jan 24th. All I can say is, ~~in regard to that~~ that I was not aware until I received yours in answer to mine of the date you mention, that you had the power ~~and~~ to authorize me to have the Boats built in which you say their letters to you was definite in regard ~~to the South~~.

You know that I came to you and voluntarily offered to fulfill my part of the agreement existing between C. W. Dabney & Sons and myself, and wished for authority to proceed in the matter. You know also that you had the authority and refused to furnish the same a month or more and after waiting and frequently writing to inform you that I had no authority to proceed act and having been at some expense ~~more than one month~~ and finding myself destitute of funds and authority to proceed I considered our agreement cancelled to

by your act in not furnishing me with the proper authority and I shall therefore look to you as I said before for any damage that may arise by a rightful fulfillment of the agreement with C W Darling & Son and myself. Yours most Truly

G. B. Borden

New Bedford Feb. 21st 1870

Mess. Chas. M. Dabney & Sons

Fayal

Gentlemen

Your kind favor of the 15th ult. is at hand also yours of the 25th via Fayal.

Believe me when I say that any misunderstanding should have arisen in regard to the Sarah. Also believe me that I have tried to act uprightly and honorably in this respect

On my arrival home not finding letters from you as I expected and with some conversation with Capt. Green of Stark Colchis I was lead to believe that you was in doubt about filling the Sarah Capt. Green informed me that you had offered the Colchis for sale and that you intended to get out of the business.

Not receiving anything by Freeman or Schooner A. B. Everett I began to feel rather uneasy about the matter and accordingly wrote to your House in Boston making enquiries regarding the same. I received in answer their wish to see me in Boston about the boats for the Sarah. — Went to Boston and according to request and was then informed

to Mr. Mac that they knew nothing and cared about the Boats as they had no authority to act.

I informed them in Boston that I came forward with the full purpose of fulfilling the agreement between us and tried to every word that I was in real earnest about the matter, & enquiring the manner & conveying word to you in the short expedition manner and tried to urge it upon them the importance of making some forward movement in fitting Boats &c in time for the Bredania on her next trip. I supposed on going to Boston that they had authority to assist me in the procuring of boats officers &c. But found my visit a failure as they informed me that they had no authority to act. I wrote to you on the strength of this information resolving to wait until I could hear from you.

It was not until I received their letter of Jan 25th that I had any idea that the House in Boston had instructions from you to me, more than one month back they held these instructions and withheld them from me knowing as they did that I had applied for instructions and was anxious to obtain them.

What could I expect? nothing at all from you, and no encouragement from the House in Boston! They keeping from me instructions ~~from me~~ that I needed to carry out this enterprise the Ship was being taken up, the best Officers engageing and soon I should find myself without a ship or with an inferior one with poor officers Being often importuned and seeing nothing that looked encouraging from the House in Boston and being late too late for the season before I could expect to hear from you I in justice to myself, agreed to go in another ship

Not completed not forwarded

and still keeping from me the desired authority to build boats &c as I had desired them to do while I were in Boston.

I had a Boat builder engaged to build as soon as I should received orders to do so

I also had made partial arrangements with a mat and 2d mate to join the ship

But waiting week after week and receiving in furtherance of the intended joint they have finally broken up the arrangement.

Now what was I to do? All was doubt and uncertainty in regard to your fitting — The season was passing away — Ships and Officers were being taken up — no instructions from the House in Boston — I had applied for — and still they were withheld — and no word from you. What could I think of this act of keeping from me the desired instructions. Were they using discretionary power from you? or were they aiming to attain some private end? For over one month had they kept the desired instructions from me! I remaining in suspense and anxiety! and not until I ~~had~~ informed them, that by refuseing to forward me the instructions I considered our agreement annulled and that I felt at liberty to agree with other

parties I ~~considered our agreement~~ and after I had done so did they send me instructions (indirectly) to build Boats Seeing no prospect of carrying out our projected plans and in justice to myself did not consider it prudent to wait longer in uncertainties Considering that our agreement was annulled by the act of the house in Boston I left myself at liberty to engage with other parties which I have accordingly done holding the firm in Boston Responsible for all damages that may arise from a non fulfillment of our Agreement

I can assure you gentlemen that it has been as sad and severe a disappointment to me as it can approach be possible be to you

Please accept my thanks for the kind feelings extended to me in your letters and gentlemen believe me ever

Yours most respectfully
G B Borden

From Over

Feb. 25th

To day have received the two Boxes of Oranges from Fredonia at Boston on the 20th inst, you will please accept my sincere thanks for the same and Gentlemen Believe me ever Yours

G B Barber

P S

I shall probably visit your port on my voyage in the Cora Morris Direct then I will settle for the Oranges and also make such explanations in regard to the abscess as will be satisfactory to yourselves

Yours G B B.

New Bedford April 23 1870

F. L. Russell Esq.,
Bridgewater

Dear Sir
Yours of today was duly received and according to your Request I send you my check for $45 on the National Bank of Commerce of this City
All join in sending our regards to yourself and family
and Sir please accept our sincere thanks for your kind attentions towards our Charles Katie
and Sir Oblige
Yours most truly
G B Boutelle

P S I shall write to Katie tomorrow

The voyage to commence in the United States or at Fayal, if at Fayal the expenses of said Borden while the vessel is repairing shall be born by said Chas W. Dabney & Sons.

The penalty of non fulfilment of this agreement to be Two Thousand Dollars unless occasioned by some unavoidable casualty.

In witness to the above the said parties have hereunto set their hands at Fayal this 21st day of November 1868

Witness to both signatures

Signed G B Borden
Chas W Dabney & Sons

(signed) Chas W Dabney Jr.

Old Materials remaining unsold April 25th 65
Belonging to Barque Green Hunt

2 Boats — 1 House — 1 Old Stove and Dirt Tubs
1 Old anchor — 1 Old chain — 1 Old Hawser
a quantity of Lead — a lot of old composition
from the Ship bottom — a lot of composition
bolts, rudder hanging &c &c &c
a lot of old sienk — topsail backstays jib &
flying jibs &c

Interest in 2 c/ps Oil shipped from
BK Addison — as Freight
do in Value of Bung Borer & Hand saw
To BK Addison — do in 1 Bbl of
Whale Teeth — Lot of Basic No 1
home — do In 2 Drafts sent home
on the Voyage — 1 Tierce of Tobacco

Dr. — Barque Ocean Steed

		$	ct	$	ct
1868					
Feb. 24	Bought an interest in Bark Ocean Steed of Henrik B. Mowatt and Lorenzo Ferris paying them cash	1000	00		
	Bark valued at New York at " " $4,000				
April 25	Made payment to H. B. Mowatt and Lorenzo Ferris for 3/16 of Bark Ocean Steed she being valued ready for sea $12,000				
	do do outfits 21000				
	Total 33,000				
"	My note in part payment for,	3689	32		
"	Robert W. Howland's bill, for,	1498	18		
	Full amount of payment made			6187	50
"	Robert W. Howland agrees to pay in his bill of $1498.18 in part payment of 3/16 ths of Bk Ocean Steed and her outfits as render for sea, and to divide the net proceeds of the vessel or 3/16 ths in the same proportion that the $1498.18 is to the whole expense, costs &c				

Dr. Samuel Ocean Steert

		$	ct
1868			
April 25th	Obtained Insurance in the Ocean Mutual Insurance Co. on N.B. Bethered on my interest in Bark Ocean Steed for $6600 at the rate of 8 per cent for two years - rend. pro rata for 4.		
	Gave my Note for Premium & Policy	521	00
Jun. 27	Paid the amount as above	521	00
Feb. 14	Paid H W Howland in aid of Ow.	300	00
"	Paid for recording Bill of Sale		50
June 25th	at Fayal Shipped per Bk Theodosia for Boston 284 Bbls Sperm Oil		
July 24	Bk Theodosia arrived at Boston		
31	The first week Sales of Sperm Oil 70 Bbls. $1,90 per gal.		
Aug 4	The first week Sales of Sperm Oil 350 Bbls $1,80 per gal		
11	The first week Sales of Sperm Oil 300 Bbls in bond $1,80 per gal.		
Oct 6	at Sea Shipped per Bk Addison for N.B. 43 Bbls Sperm Oil		
25	Bk Addison arrived at N.B.		

1868

Oct 19th for the part week Sales Sperm Oil
52 Bbls. @ $2.00 per gallon,

Oct 5 for the part week Sales Sperm Oil,
900 Bbls @ $2.00 per gallon

Copy of Order for $1000.00
Favor of John W. Howland Esqr.

To Messrs Peirce & Hadley
New Bedford
Or Assrs
Please Pay
to John W. Howland or order a sum of money not exceeding $1000 One Thousand Dollars charging the same to the account of Assrs

Yours Respectfully
G. N. Borden

Hamilton Bermuda Feb. 15th 1869

Hamilton Bermuda Feb. 1869
Shipped by the Schooner George Brown for New York 2987 Bbls of Sperm Oil
Sailed Saturday 13th

Last advices per New Bedford Shipping List
Sperm Oil $2 pr Gal

Davits — for large boats should be set 22½ ft. apart.

This answers for small boats also

Bearers — for boats. 11 ft apart forward one 4½ ft from forward Davit — After One 7 ft from after Davit

Tryworks — for 180 Gal. pots 8 ft each way over-all including hearth in front, but not including brace pen for which an allowance on deck, of 4 inches is to be made — Pots to be set 10 inches from hearth and 20 inches from front part of works — The width of one brick at the sides of the Pots is sufficient; but down abreast of the fires there should be two or more

1868 Letters Sent Home on The Voyage

Mar. 30th By Ship Rhine of New York. Bound to London two — To Mrs G. B. Borden Nos 1 & 2 One To Katie R. Borden — One To Lorenzo Pierce Esqr No 3 all of New Bedford

June 25 Received letter No 2 from Mrs. G. B. Borden

27 left at Funchal, To Mr Inez R. Fredonia letters No 3 & 4 To Mrs G. B. Borden — One To Joseph B. Hadley — One To Lorenzo Pierce Esq One To Mary E. Borden, and One To Carrie Borden

July 28 Ship To Philadelphia 3 letters No's 5 6 & 7 To Mrs G. B. Borden

Sept 1 By Ship To London No 8 To Mrs G. B. Borden, and One Box To Brother Benjn

8 By Ship To Philadelphia No 9 To Mrs G. B. and No 10 To Lorenzo Pierce Esqr

Oct 6 By Bk Addison To N. B. No 10 To Mrs G. B. and No 4 To Lorenzo Pierce Esqr all of N. B.

20 Recd Letter No 1 from Mrs Borden per Capn Morris

Nov. 17. Recd from Mrs Borden Nos 3, 4, 5 6 & 7 from Mr Hadley 3 letters, — from Benjn 2 from Henry 1 from Katie & Mary 1

Nov. 26 forwarded Letters No 11 & 12 & 13 — To Peirce
5 & 6 — Mr. Hoadley 2 — Benjm 1 — Henry 1
— Holder 1 — Abby Stafford 1 — Harry Durfee 1
— Irene P Gray 1

Dec. 19 " Letters No 14 to Mrs Borden — No 7
to Mr, Peirce

28 closed letters Nos, 15 & 16 To Mrs Borden

Jan 10 " " 17 To Mrs Borden

Sperm Whales Seen On The Voyage

March	5th	Small Whales going W. mod,	Lat. 39.25	Long. 62.30
"	8	Small Whales going S. quick	" 40.24	" 63.55
"	13	Small Whales going N.W. mod	" 41.13	" 61.30
"	26	Small Whales going N.W. with Ship called	41.09	" 62.07
June	13th	Small Whales going N.W.	40.33	" 54.57
"	"	Small Whales going E.	40.28	" 54.58
	8	Mod. Sized going N.E. quick	42.00	" 50.10
	16	Several large Whales S.W. quick	39.30	35.25
Aug	21	Three large Whales N.E.	42.08	" 48.16
Sept	18	Two 50 Bblers mod, S.E.	41.37	46.25
	19	Several 50 Bblers, mod, N.	41.20	46.15
	24	Small Whales - S.E.	41.58	46.18
	25	Several 50 Bblers, Mod W.	41.48	46.10
	29	Breaching Mod S.W.	41.50	46.10
	30	Several small Whales quick S.W.	41.47	46.16
	"	Small Whales Slow	41.40	46.18
Oct	1	Small & large whales quick N.E.	41.25	46.16
	3	Small & Large whales slow N.E.	41.35	46.18
	9	School 50 Bblers. Still	41.17	46.48
	10	School 40 Bblers, mod, S.	41.12	46.28
	11	School 40 Bblers mod S.E.	41.12	46.20
	17	School 40 Bblers quick S.E.	41.24	46.22
	21	School cows & calves slow N.W.	41.10	47.20
	22	3 Whales 40 Bblers quick S.E.	41.27	46.09
	23	2 schools cows calves & Bulls slow,	41.25	46.09
	25	" cows, calves & Bulls quick N.W.	41.12	46.10
	28	" 1 Whale Mod N.W.	41.10	46.10
	29	School Mod N.E.	40.54	46.06
	30	School Mod. E.	41.10	46.30

By Whom Raised	Amount Taken	
G. B. Borden — —	2 whales —	60 Bbls
Ship — —	— —	— —
G. B. Borden — —	1 whale	30 "
S. E. Borden — —	3 whales	85 "
Manuel preventer Boatsteerer	1 whale	6 "
G. B. Borden — —	— —	— —
Williams Boatsteerer	2 whales	80 "
Snow Boatsteerer	½ whale	60 "
Julius Ash	2 whales	150 "
G. B. Borden	1 whale	40 "
Ship — —	— —	— —
Manuel preventer Boatsteerer	—	—
Manuel preventer Boats —	—	—
Sampson — —	—	—
Doubtful		
Sampson	1 whale	10
Manuel preventer Boatsteerer	3 whales	30
Ship		
Snow & Capt.	1 whale	45
Sampson	1 whale	45
Williams boatsteerer	1 whale	45
B. Bill — —	— —	— —
Sampson — —	— —	— —
B. Bill — —	— —	— —
Snow Boatsteerer	— —	— —
G. B. Borden	2 whales	20
B. Bill —	— —	—
G. B. Borden —	— —	—
G. B. Borden —	2 whales	20

1868 Sperm Whales Seen On The Voyage

Oct	31	School cows, calves and Bulls	Mod. NW.	lat 41.11	Lon 47.16
Nov.	2	School	uncertain	" 40.57	" 45.24
May	10/69	School cows	NW quick	38 30	49.00
June	8	School cows & calves	NE quick	43.30	25.32
Aug	13	School large Whales	still quite	41 16	46.20
Sept	8	School uncertain	SW quick	41.25	46.40
"	11	School large 80 Bbl Bulls	SW quick	41.18	47.21
	25	School cows & calves	SW quick	40.51	47.48
	30	School Bulls 60 Bbl	SW quick	41.15	48.08
Oct	4	One 70 Bbl	NW quick	41.11	47.15
	5	school 70 Bbl Bulls	SW slow	41.14	47.03
	12	school cows & calves	W NW quick	41.10	47.50
	13	school Bulls cows & calves	W.N.W.	40.48	48.04
	14	school cows & calves	SE slow	40.14	48.52
	19	school Bulls, school cows & calves,	S,	40.55	48.20
	23	school cows & calves	NW quick	40.41	47.18
	25	school Bulls & school cows & calves	S.W.	40.55	47.16
	27	school Bulls	NW. mod,	40.50	47.28
	29	School Bulls	NE quick	40.36	48.12
	30	School Bulls	NE mod,	40.45	48.08
	31	2 Schools Bulls cows & calves	SE mod,	40.54	47.45
Nov.	5	school cows & calves	N slow	41.04	47.25
	6	school cows & calves	NW very quick	40.43	47.10

By Whom Seen	Amount	Stowed
Black Bill	—	—
Sampson	—	—
	Took two	40 Bbls
Mr Brown	—	—
	One	25
Com Morris	One	56
	One	70
Doty	One	10
Cesar	Two	~~8~~
Ship		20
Mr Brown		
BK Addison		
Debano	One	25
Williams		
Williams		
Cesar		
Williams	One	100
Sampson	One	15
Manuel		

Whales Struck, Killed &c

1868				
May	5th	S. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
"		W. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
	13	L. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
	26	S. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
"		S. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Cut line with
"		L. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
"		W. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
June	3	L. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
"	8	W. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
"		S. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – and Drawed
"		S. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
	16	Bark Lorenzo	S. W.	Struck – Killed by S. B.
Aug	27	L. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
"		W. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
Sept	18th	L. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
"	30	W. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
"	"	L. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – and Drawed
Oct.	1	S. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
"	"	L. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
"	"	W. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
	9	L. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
	10	W. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
	14	W. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
	23	L. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
"		W. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
	30	L. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and
		W. B.	Sperm Whale	Struck – Killed and

On the Voyage

saved	G B Borden	heading	S E Borden	steering	30 Bbls
saved	Mr. Sylvia	heading	Williams	Steering	30 "
saved	Mr. Gifford	heading	Snow	Steering	30 "
saved	G B Borden	heading	S E Borden	steering	11 "
2d. Crew	G B Borden	heading	S E Borden	steering	
saved	Mr. Gifford	heading	Snow	steering	11 "
saved	Mr. Sylvia	heading	Williams	steering	11 "
saved	Mr. Gifford	heading	Snow	steering	6 "
saved	Mr. Sylvia	heading	Williams	steering	40 "
	G B Borden	heading	S E Borden	steering	
saved	G B Borden	heading	S E Borden	steering	40 "
Crew stved	G B Borden	heading	S E Borden	steering	60 "
saved	Mr. Gifford	heading	Snow	steering	75 "
saved	Mr. Sylvia	heading	Williams	steering	75 "
saved	Mr. Gifford	heading	Snow	steering	40 "
saved	Mr. Sylvia	heading	Delano	steering	10 "
	Mr. Gifford	heading	Snow	steering	
saved	G B Borden	heading	S E Borden	str.	10
saved	Mr. Gifford	heading	Snow	steering	10
saved	Mr. Sylvia	heading	Delano	steering	10
saved	Mr. Gifford	heading	Snow	steering	45
saved	Mr. Sylvia	heading	Delano	steering	45
saved	Mr. Sylvia	heading	Delano	steering	45
saved	Mr. Gifford	heading	Snow	steering	10
saved	Mr. Sylvia	heading	Delano	steering	10
saved	Mr. Gifford	heading	Snow	steering	10
saved	Mr. Sylvia	heading	Williams	steering	10

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